

INTRODUCTION

For ages before the White Man came, America was the home of the Red Man; and the Red Man and his kindred lived in closer touch with nature than his pale-face follower dreams.

When the White Man came there were more than a thousand tribes of Red Men in America, and they spoke about a hundred different languages, each more unlike the others than the English is unlike the Russian. The largest linguistic family lived about the St. Lawrence river, and the Great Lakes, and pushed over the plains southward to Tennessee, northward to Hudson bay, and westward to the Rocky mountains in Canada. They are known as the Algonquian family. In early times there were