

AN OLD WARRIOR NOW AT PEACE.

While the editor was in Portage la Prairie some three weeks ago the little Christian community of Sioux Indians lost one of its oldest members by death. Was-kwa-o had been a Christian for many years. He was fond of telling of the enjoyable visits he used to pay in the old days to the manse at High Bluff, when the Rev. Hugh McKellar was minister there. A long illness has of late years worn away the old man's frame, and brought him again and again to the very threshold of the other world. His weird unearthly appearance gave a peculiar solemnity to his exhortations, and especially to his rebukes to those in the camp when drinking or scandalous conduct of any kind was going on. So enraged did the subjects of these rebukes often become that he was many a time driven from the tepees, and only a few weeks before his death he was found by the lady missionaries lying beside the little church huddled in a heap and scarcely able to move. Frequent supplies of nourishing food from the mission house, and many little attentions such as he could appreciate, helped to cheer his declining days. When the writer was taken to see him he could not eat; he could not speak except in half articulated monosyllables, but with such emphasis as he could muster, he bore witness to his faith: Miss Walker and Miss Fraser sang in Sioux a few verses of two or three hymns such as he loved to hear, a brief prayer was offered, and we bade him good-bye. A few hours afterwards the news came that all Was-kwa-o's troubles were over.

FATHER HUGONNARD—THE ROMAN CATHOLIC MISSIONARY SUPPORTED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

The Rev. Hugh McKay writes, under date Sept. 24th, on the subject of which mention was made last month:

One of the boys, J. M. King, was taken by us from the pagan wigwam and attended our school for more than two years. The priest frequently during that time tried to influence the parents, visiting them and trying in every way possible to persuade them to send the boy to the Qu'Appelle school. Last winter the parents visited some friends at Qu'Appelle, and the boy went with them. The priest met them again, and after much persuasion the woman agreed to let the boy stay until spring on condition that she get \$8.00. The boy stayed at the Qu'Appelle school, was baptized, and returned to our reserve in the middle of April. In August Father Hugonnard and the officer of the law appear and take the boy away, contrary to the wishes of the parents, saying, the woman agreed to leave the boy two years, and the woman saying she only agreed to leave the boy till spring.