

MANUAL
OF THE
OJEBWAY LANGUAGE.

INTRODUCTION.

In presenting this Manual of the Ojebway Language to the public, the writer wishes it to be understood that he by no means assumes to himself the title of Grammarian or Philologist; neither has he had the advantage of a very lengthened term of acquaintance with the Ojebway people. He feels satisfied that there are others who are far better qualified than himself to undertake the work, but, finding that no one else seems prepared to do so, and feeling the great need that there is for such a Manual as an assistance to missionaries and others in acquiring the language, he is resolved to do his best in the matter, and he assures his readers that however imperfect his work may be, he believes they will not find anything in it calculated to misguide them, and his humble hope is that they will find much that will be of real service to them. It is written in a homely style, and is intended, as has been said, simply as an assistance to those who are labouring in God's vineyard for the good of the Indians.

Some thirty years since, both a Dictionary and a Grammar were published by a French Priest (afterwards Bishop) in the French Orthography, but these valuable works are now unfortunately out of print. With considerable difficulty a copy of the Dictionary was procured, and proved of great service in the compilation of this work.