

Although I must apologize for the scantiness of my materials, I feel that I am in a position to indicate the origin of three important Indian families, with which the Algonquins have long been in contact; these are the Tinneh or Athabascans, the Iroquois, and the Choctaws. The first named are the neighbours of the Algonquins on the north, but appear also as an intrusive people as far south as Mexico. The Iroquois are scattered among the Algonquins; and the Choctaws and Cherokees, who are simply disguised Iroquois, were originally situated to the south of the Algonquin area. The Tinneh family I associate with the Tungusians of Siberia and Northern China; and the Iroquois and Choctaws, with the populations of north-eastern Asia, classed by Dr. Latham as Peninsular Mongolidae. It is to these immigrants that we owe the peculiar features of American Indian life.

The Tinneh are the Chipweyans of Mackenzie, Carver and the older travellers, the Athabascans of many writers, the Montagnais of Father Petitot and others who have copied his statements. In the number of their tribes they exceed those even of the large Algonquin family, and they occupy a similarly extensive area, but one upon which civilization has little encroached. Among the more important tribes may be mentioned the Chipweyans or Athabascans proper, the Coppermines, Beavers, Dogribs, Tacullies, Tlatskanai, Koltshane, Atnah or Nehanni, Sursees, Nagailer, Tenan-Kutchin, Kutcha-Kutchin, Yukon or Ko-Yukon, Digothe or Loucheux, Sieanni, Unakhotana, Kenai or Tehanin-Kutchin, Inkulit, Ugalezes, Umpquas, Hoopas, Wilacki, Tolewah, Apaches, Navajos, Mescaleros, Pinalenos, Xicarillas. In reference to their habitat I cannot do better or more briefly than by quoting the words of Mr. W. H. Dall in his "Report on the distribution and nomenclature of the Native Tribes of Alaska and the Adjacent Territory." This great family includes a large number of American tribes, extending from near the mouth of the Mackenzie south to the borders of Mexico. The Apaches and Navajos belong to it, and the family seems to intersect the continent of North America in a northerly and southerly direction, principally along the flanks of the Rocky Mountains. The northern tribes of this stock extend nearly to the delta of the Yukon, and reach the sea-coast at Cook's Inlet and the mouth of the Copper River. Eastward they extend to the divide between the watershed of Hudson's Bay and that of Athabasca and the Mackenzie River. The designa-