

set out (continued the narrator), and journeyed along many suns, till at last I came to where the sun sets, and saw those of my own colour enjoying themselves with continual feasting and rest, and my heart was glad that I had at last found the place where I was to dwell; but one of the chiefs came to me, and asked me the same question as I was asked at the white-man's place. I told them I was a red-man, just arrived in the world of spirits, and hoped to find rest and pleasure among my own relations. 'Oh! no,' said the chief to me, 'I cannot admit you here: you gave up the Indian ways long before you left yonder world; you served the white-man's God: go, therefore, to where the white-man's God is chief.' And I was thus left in a very miserable condition ever, till I awoke from my trance. Therefore, I will no more serve the white-man's God, whose place is not for us; I will do as my fathers did, and go to them when I depart hence." This circumstance, say my informants, produced a great defection among the Christians at that time, and still continues, to many, an obstacle to their receiving the truth.

All their treatment of the sick is mixed up with magical practices; as, they say, they received the knowledge of simples from the benevolent spirit mentioned above, and, therefore, he must be invoked to assist with a view to their successful application. Like all tribes whose religion consists principally of magic, they are extensively acquainted with the most virulent poisons to be found in the vegetable creation, and are often but too successful in the murder-