

gether has not in all instances elevated the character of the former. The many hundreds of rude, careless, fearless whites, who have taken up their abode in frontier regions, have induced the red men to associate and unite with them in practices of dissipation. To the Americans at home I look for an antidote for this evil, which they as well as myself must most sincerely regret.

Friends, Christians, your love for mankind extends beyond the border. Your love for mankind has penetrated the forests, and is to-day shedding its holy influence on many a happy group assembled around a birchen fire. May you not tire or grow faint.

The history of the Ojibways, like that of other Indian tribes, is treasured up in traditionary lore. It has been passed down from age to age on the tide of song; for there is much poetry in the narrative of the old sage as he dispenses his facts and fancies to the listening group that throng around him.

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