

elevate him ; and these given to him by men of right views of existence enable him to rise above the soil of degradation, and hover about the high mounts of wisdom and truth.

To the man of letters I would say, that in compliance with your request, I am aware how far short I have fallen from satisfying you with a recital of the Ojibway's history.

Much has been lost to the world, through a neglect of educating the red men who have lived and died in the midst of educationary privileges, but have not been allowed to enjoy them. They hold a key which will unlock a library of information, the like of which is not. It is for the present generation to say, whether the last remnants of a powerful people shall perish through neglect, and as they depart bear with them that key.

Give the Indian the means of education and he will avail himself of them. Keep them from him, and let me tell you he is not the only loser.

The Indians at present mingle with the whites. The intercourse they have had to-