

shoulders, and drawn up by men on the top of the lodge. Another is seen hung up by the pectoral muscles, with four buffalo-skulls attached to splints through the flesh on his arms and legs; and each is turned round by another, with a pole, until he faints, and then he is let down. One is seen as he is lowered to the ground; and another, who has been let down and got strength enough to crawl to the front part of the lodge, where he is offering to the Great Spirit the little finger of the left hand, by laying it on a buffalo-skull, where another chops it off with a hatchet. In the right of the picture are all the chiefs and dignitaries of the tribe looking on.

507. Represents what they call the "Last Race."

After they have all been tortured in the lodge in the above manner, they are led out of it with the weights, buffalo-skulls, &c. hanging to their flesh. Around the "Big Canoe" is a circle of young men formed, who hold a wreath of willow-boughs between them, and run round with all possible violence, yelling as loud as they can.

The young fellows who have been tortured are then led forward, and each one has two athletic and fresh young men (their bodies singularly painted), who step up to him, one on each side, and take him by a leathern strap, tied round the wrist, and run round, outside of the other circle, with all possible speed, forcing him forward till he faints, and then drag him with his face in the dirt until the weights are all disengaged from him, by tearing the flesh out, when they drop him, and he lies (to all appearance a *corpse*) until the Great Spirit gives him strength to rise and walk home to his lodge.

In this scene also the *medicine-man* leans against the "Big Canoe" and cries, and all the nation are spectators. Many pages would be required to give to the world a just description of these strange scenes; and they require to be described minutely in all their parts in order to be fully appreciated and understood. (A full account of these in my *Notes and Letters*.)

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## NINE OJIBBEWAYS,

WHO VISITED LONDON IN 1845.

508. *Ah-quee-we-zaints*, the Boy Chief; a venerable man of 72 years.
509. *Pat-au-a-quot-a-wee-be*, the Driving Cloud; a war-chief.
510. *Wee-nish-ka-wee-be*, the Flying Gull; a medicine-man.
511. *Sah-mah*, Tobacco.
512. *Gish-ee-gosh-e-gee*, the Moonlight Night.
513. *Not-een-a-akm*, the Strong Wind.
514. *Wos-see-ab-e-neuh-qua*; a woman.
515. *Nib-nab-ee-qua*; a young girl.
516. *Ne-bet-neuh-quat*; a woman.
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