

**THE LIFE, LETTERS AND  
SPEECHES OF KAH-  
GE-GA-GAH-BOWH**

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649190270

The life, letters and speeches of Kah-ge-ga-gah-bowh by G. Copway

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd.  
Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

[www.triestepublishing.com](http://www.triestepublishing.com)

**G. COPWAY**

**THE LIFE, LETTERS AND  
SPEECHES OF KAH-  
GE-GA-GAH-BOWH**



THE  
LIFE, LETTERS AND SPEECHES  
OF  
KAH-GE-GA-GAH-BOWH.

OR,  
G. COPWAY,  
CHIEF OJIBWAY NATION.

A Missionary for many years in the North-West; now the projector of the Concentration of the North-Western Indian Tribes, for the Better Promotion of their Physical Improvement.

NEW YORK:  
S. W. BENEDICT.  
1850

E99

C6566

1850

TO YINU  
AIRSOULIAS

Entered according to Act of Congress, on the 9th day of December, 1946,

BY GEORGE COPWAY.

In the Clerk's Office of the District Court of the Northern District of the State  
of New York.

TO  
THE CLERGY AND LAITY  
OF THE  
AMERICAN AND BRITISH DOMINIONS,  
THIS BRIEF  
HISTORY OF A CHILD OF THE FOREST,  
AND OF  
HIS NATION,  
IS MOST RESPECTFULLY AND AFFECTIONATELY  
INSCRIBED  
BY  
THE AUTHOR.

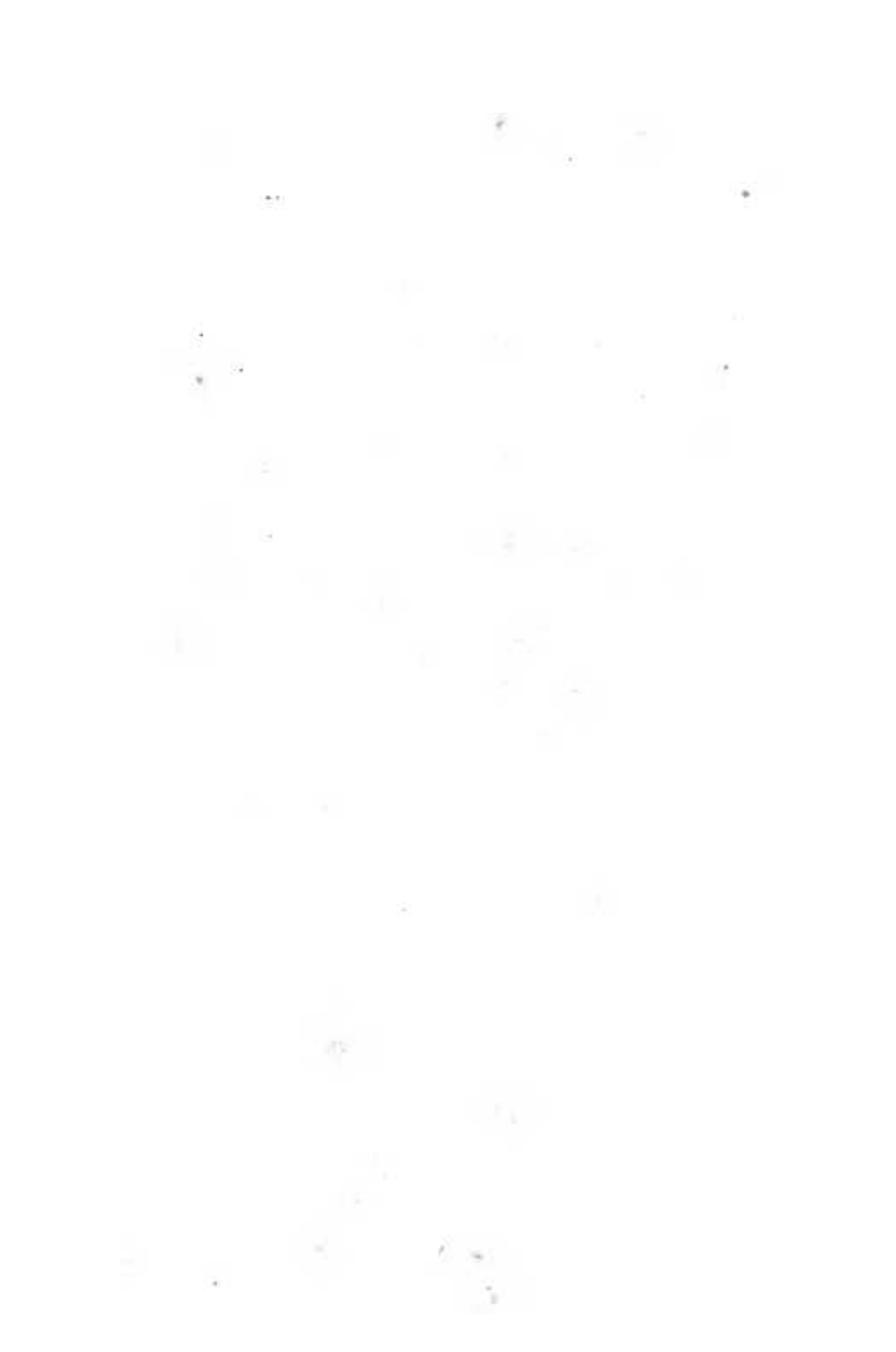
M76677





## CONTENTS.

	PAGE.
PREFACE, . . . . .	7
A WORD TO THE READER, . . . . .	9
CHAP. I. Early life; Woods; Gods; Ojebwa Nation, &c. . . . .	11
II. Customs; Father and Mother; Religion of Ojebwas . . . . .	21
III. Spirits; Ojebwa Worship; Description, etc. . . . .	30
IV. Omens; Dreams; Anecdote; Devil's Spittle, . . . . .	38
V. Traditions; Indians and Jews; Migration; Councils . . . . .	43
VI. Description of Rice Lake; Rice; Fish; Village, etc. . . . .	49
VII. Missionaries' first visit; Conversion; Camp meeting . . . . .	52
VIII. My Mother's conversion and happy death; Grief . . . . .	58
IX. My Conversion; Beauty of Nature; Lake Superior . . . . .	62
X. Kewawenon Mission; Work Spread; Old Anna . . . . .	67
XI. Travels to La Pointe; Ottawa Lake; Battle Grounds . . . . .	76
XII. Sent to School, Ill., two years; New-York; Boston . . . . .	83
XIII. Return to Canada; Revivals; Christmas; New-Year . . . . .	96
XIV. Wisconsin; Mississippi; Sufferings . . . . .	116
XV. Travels to Canada; Presbyterian Missionaries, Trials; Paid by Government; Journey to Toronto . . . . .	125
XVI. General Council; Speeches; Order; Documents, etc.; Manual Labor School; Plan, or Remedy for the preservation of the different tribes . . . . .	132
XVII. Geographical Sketch of the Ojebwa Nation; Missions; Presbyterians; Methodists; Baptists; Appeal to Christians in America . . . . .	142
1. Chippewas on the River Thames . . . . .	145
2. Chippewas at Amberstburg . . . . .	145
3. Chippewas of St. Clair . . . . .	146
4. Chippewas at Walpole Island . . . . .	147
5. Chippewas of the River Credit . . . . .	147
6. Chippewas of Alwicks . . . . .	148
7. Chippewas at Rice Lake . . . . .	149
8. Chippewas at Mud Lake . . . . .	149
9. Chippewas at Balsam Lake . . . . .	150
10. Chippewas of Rama . . . . .	150
11. Chippewas of Beausoliel Island, Matchadisk Bay, Lake Huron . . . . .	151
12. Chippewas of Snake Island, Lake Simcoe . . . . .	151
13. Chippewas of Saugeeng (Lake Huron) . . . . .	152
14. Chippewas of Big Bay, in Owen's Sound, Lake Huron . . . . .	152
15. Chippewas and others, in the Township of Bedford . . . . .	153



## PREFACE

IN presenting my life to the public, I do so with the greatest diffidence, and at the earnest solicitation of numerous friends. I am an Indian, and am well aware of the difficulties I have to encounter to win the favorable notice of the white man. Yet one great object prompts me to persevere, and that is, that I may, in connection with my life, present the *present state* and *prospects* of my poor countrymen—feeling that the friends of humanity may still labor and direct their benevolence to those who were once the lords of the land on which the white man lives—and assist in rescuing them from an untimely and unchristian grave.

I have noticed some of our prominent chiefs now living; the missionaries laboring amongst my people; the extent of the missionary field; and an appeal to all who feel interested in the welfare of the Indian race.

If ever I see the day when my people shall become happy and prosperous, I shall then feel great and lasting pleasure, which will more than repay me for the pain, both of body and mind, which I have endured for the last twelve years. My motto is—“*My poor People.*”

In all my crooked paths, I have endeavored to mean