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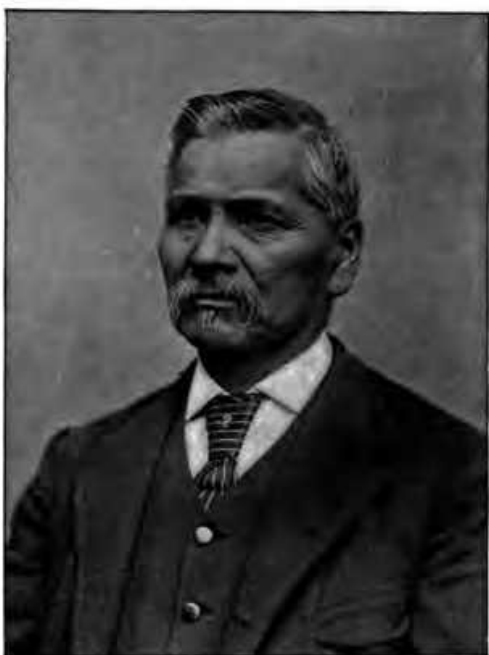
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PREFACE.



IN offering this work which will give the public the full account of all the pure traditions which have been handed down from the beginning of the red man's world to the present time, I deem it proper to state that there have been no historical works of the white man, nor any other written history from any source quoted.

All prophecies, theories and ideas of the educated and intelligent of all races have been laid aside; no supposition nor presumption of any class entertained, because it is intended to show only the simple and natural state of the life, habits and ways as they existed among the pure; innocent and simple people whose traditions are here written.

Simple as one would imagine them to be, yet some prophecies of theirs when given a full account of, will be very interesting, especially when it is shown that none of the studies nor the researches of the white man have ever penetrated—thereby dwelt upon them. But still remains with him as hidden things.

Nevertheless, a close observer cannot fail to see that some of their prophecies are very significant and important, not only to the red man himself, but nations of all other races as well.

And this is not all! Because when his ways and habits are learned it will be found that they are so peculiar it has spread the veil over the eyes and minds of the learned of these modern dates, and have caused many to enquire, "Where did the red man come from?"

This is the question we intend to answer! We intend also, to remove the fear, that the life of the red man will pass away unwritten, and this is written because there is an abundance of evidence showing that there is a general desire among the people that some one ought to write it now if ever.

In this undertaking I wish to say to the public, that I am one of the descendants of the remnants of that once numerous and most powerful race; and my life having been spent in the researches of my people's past life, beginning in my early boyhood days to the present time I can say that, by the grace of nature I have been crowned with a success.

Only one thing is lacking; and that is the proper education to do such work, and one who reads this will be fully convinced when he sees that I was never educated to that degree as to be able to excite the feelings of the people and make them pronounce me as a brilliant and popular writer. However, I have undertaken the work and have done it in my own way; have given the full account of all the traditions as I have gathered them from my people.

After forty years of search and study I am satisfied that no more can be found, as the old traditional story tellers have all gone to the happy hunting ground.

Klose-kur-beh, "The Man From Nothing," was

claimed by all the children of the red man, to be the first person who came upon the earth. And he was their teacher! He taught them how they must live, and told them about the spiritual power, how it was in every living thing, and it was the same power that has sent him to prepare the way on earth for the generations to come; and to subdue all obstacles which are against the nature of mankind; and to reduce the earth to such a state as to become a happy land for the people.

The works of Klose-kur-beh were wonderful—traditions extend to the time of his presence among them, and his works and teaching, during his stay with his children, as he called all the people, will be fully written in this work. His coming into the world the instructions and power given him by the Great Spirit will be fully shown and explained. Also how great the love and reverence bestowed upon him by the people for his good works.

In reading the works, it can clearly be seen that this Klose-kur-beh was at the creation.

His claims to that effect were not only by his words, but also by his most wonderful works as will be shown in the following pages of this book.

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