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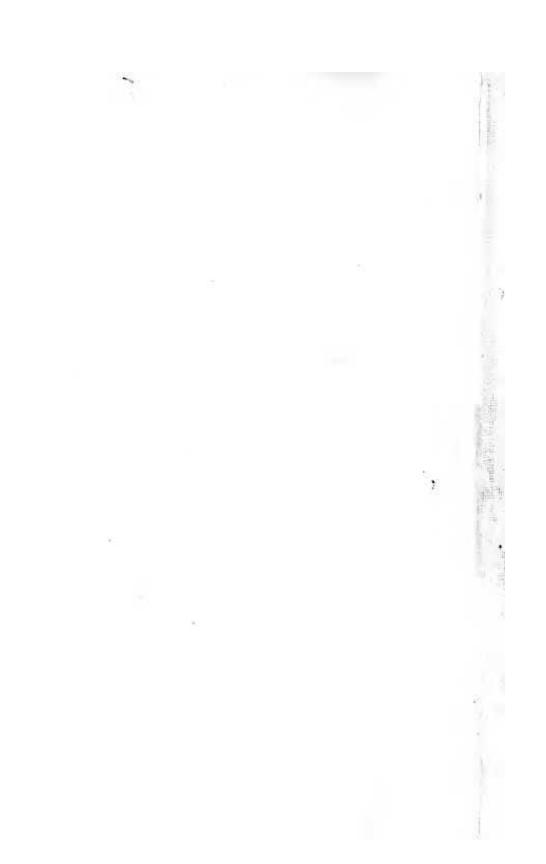
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It occurred to me that some account of an Indian tribe, at peace and in war, might be interesting and useful, especially to readers in the Eastern States. The people of the east consider the Indian problem more dispassionately, but are likely to receive colored or false impressions, on account of their distance from actual Indians, and from the scenes of conflict.

There are few Indians in America superior to the Nez Perces. Among them the contrast between heathen and Christian teaching is most marked. Even a little unself-ish work, both by Catholic and Protestant teachers, has produced wonderful fruit, illustrated by those who remained on the reservation during the war, and kept the peace; while the unbappy effects of superstition and ignorance appear among the renegades and "non-treaties." The results to these have been murder, loss of country, and almost extermination.

While endeavoring to relieve the account of the campaign from the stiffness of military reports, and desiring to make it as pictorial as possible for common reading, yet I have hoped that the military student might find it profitable to study the battles and marches herein de-