

influence with the other chiefs. Above Winona was another large band of Indians, who had their village on the west bank of the Mississippi, where the Presbyterian mission now is, a few miles below St. Paul, whose chief was called Little Crow; a man of good sense, and generally considered a good Indian. There was another small band who had their village at Mendota, which signifies *the meeting of the waters*,* whose chief was called Black Dog. He was not a man of much consequence. There was also another small band who had their village a short distance above, whose chief was Ponechon, a man of little note. Where the village of Shakopee now is, was an Indian village, whose chief bore that name, which simply means *six*; he possessed a good intellect, but was not popular among the traders, as he was considered very dishonest. At the little Rapids was another village, called by the French *Gens de Feuille*, or Leaf People. The name of their chief I do not recollect. There was a village of the Sissitons at the Rocher Blanc; above which, I remember no others. The Sissiton and Yankton bands seldom made any regular villages, as they roved from place to place, encamping temporarily for the purpose of hunting, and that mostly among the buffaloes.

Under the most unfavorable auspices have I written these reminiscences. With ill health, suffering a great part of the time with rheumatism and bad eyesight, bordering almost on blindness, I have not been able to prepare this narrative to my own satisfaction, and, I fear, not to the satisfaction of the Society. I have no doubt omitted many things that might have been interesting, but never having kept a journal or notes of events, I was obliged to depend upon memory; and frequently when writing, and having, by a train of reflection, recalled past events to mind, either my rheumatism or my eyes would admonish me that it was time to cease from my labors, and before I could re-commence, I would probably forget the thread of my narrative. Nor have I

*Some of the tribes of the North West give to Mendota the significance of *large* or *great*.
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