

a Red Man to reach a resting place in the spirit land, where he arrives either at the "beautiful prairies," the "broad river," "lakes," or "deep and beautiful forests."

Should the fire at the grave be neglected and go out, it will be detrimental to the deceased, as a detention must occur. The *chee-baum* (spirit or ghost), in this case, must stop to rekindle his own fire every night for the rest of his journey. Should the steel, flint and punk be forgotten, and the fire go out at the grave it is believed that the risk of not finding the good land is very great, and the ghost or spirit becomes a wanderer.

It used to be the custom to bury a young child at sunrise, a middle-aged person at noon, and an elderly person at sunset. These customs were of the ancient time; the more modern mode of burial is to deposit very little on the graves; only food and fire instruments are placed there, whether for an adult or child. But the fire is attended with equal assiduity, otherwise the *chee-baum* in search of the good land will not reach it.

When a warrior dies, all the distinguished and respected men and women are invited to partake of the feast of the dead, that he may safely travel on his journey. The food is cooked by a sacred fire; all the food must be distributed to the relatives, or a chosen few. The dead are kept three or four days, and the feast goes on. Drums are beaten, alternating with singing and crying, and then the exploits and noble deeds of the deceased are related.

The Indian Idea of the Other World

It is a land of prairies, or plains, beautiful groves, charming lakes and rivers. Exquisite sounds and the singing of birds fill the air. Great herds of buffalo, moose, deer, etc., roam the woods and prairies.

The paradise of tribes who live near the lakes and rivers, is made up of enchanting streams, filled with all kinds of large and beautiful fish. They believe that in the next world, they will be changed into some animal; the good into noble creatures, such as the horse, the elk, the deer, etc. The bad will become a dog, cat, or some other inferior animal; hence when a mother finds her child unmanageable, comes the saying: "You