

declined to receive them. There was one avenue, however, through which they found access to him, and that was the Indian's innate and unconquerable love of ardent spirits.

Perhaps it would be impossible to find a more illustrative example of the power of this passion for intoxication, than was exhibited in the life of this celebrated chief. With the firmness of any of the ancient heroes to withstand all the approaches of corruption, and temptations to treachery, and with all the consciousness that he was the idol of his people, and of his ability to maintain that position, if true to himself; and with too much sagacity not to see where a course of dissipation would be sure to leave him in the end, he still allowed himself to be taken an easy and willing prey in this snare, designedly spread for his overthrow.

At the time I knew him, the law of the United States prohibiting the sale or gift of intoxicating liquor to the Indians, was enforced by the officers of the Government with as much fidelity as practicable, so that it was very difficult to elude their vigilance; and instances of its violation were comparatively few, and of course it was very rarely that the Indians had an opportunity of gratifying a taste, which is as natural to an Indian as his breath. But the discovery and working of the Copper Mines, and other avenues of speculation about that time, soon drew numerous white settlers into different parts of that region, and with civilization came its necessary concomitants in the country, drunkenness and debauchery; and the Chippewa of that country of to-day, is, I suppose, quite a different person from the Chippewa of early times, before these vices had degraded him to a level with his white brethren. With numbers of others, Hole-in-the-Day also fell. Partaking of the demoralization of his tribe, he partially lost his influence over them, and followed the white population who ministered to his appetite for drink, until at last, several years since, while riding in a state of intoxication from St. Paul to St. Anthony, he was thrown from the vehicle, and killed by the fall. Such was the inglorious end of the life of one of the