

Selkirk Settlement, just above Winnipeg, on the Red River of the North, which had recently received large additions by the arrival of Indians from the interior. This encampment consisted of Crees and Chippewas. Impelled by some strong motive, Tanner was especially attracted here. He at first rode on horseback through the encampment, so as to attract observation and to be able to see all who were there. As he rode along he observed some children at play, and noticed in particular one little girl, who had grey eyes. Mentally marking the surroundings, he next day, with an interpreter, sought the child, whom he again found at play. He asked her name. She said it was "Martha," or as she called it "Matta." He further inquired "Martha— who?" That she could not say. In response to the question where she lived, she pointed to a wigwam. Her father, she said, was out hunting.

Can any one imagine the feelings that overpowered this man as he awaited the return of the father of that family? He said afterwards that he really believed his search was about ended. The following day, still with the interpreter, he again went to the camp but the hunter had not returned. On the third visit he found a very large man stretched on a mat, at one side of the wigwam, dressed in complete Indian attire, and not bearing the least resemblance to a white. He merely glanced at the door-way when the two men entered, taking no more notice of them than would any Indian. Tanner had a conviction that this was his brother—the lost boy. He walked up to him, and extending his hand, which the owner of the wigwam took, James exclaimed, "My brother!" The other did not of course understand this, but when the interpreter repeated it, he looked up and shook his head. James asked him his name. He answered "John," but could not give any surname. James said, "John Tanner is your name." This the hunter asked to have repeated. When he again heard it he replied, "Yes, that is my name." Then James asked him if he "did not remember his sister Martha?" He replied, "I named my child for her." Then John began to believe what had