

base purposes, and will only corrupt or make them worse." From what I heard and saw I should judge this man's opinion as here expressed was correct.

□ Afterwards when I went to visit old Ke-o-kuck's village, soon after my arrival he told my interpreter that he "knew what I had come for, but he wanted to hear nothing about it." The head-chief, called the "Stabber" said the same to my interpreter when I went to his lodge. As they had had no previous notice of my visit, and inasmuch as their mode of treating the subject was so contrary to the rules of Indian etiquette, I do not hesitate to say that they had had particular instruction previously.

Another very serious difficulty which I met from the first was an almost entire want of a suitable interpreter and of a proper character. The U. S. Interpreter at Rock Island besides being connected with the Am. F[ur] Co. is a catholic and I could never obtain any assistance from him. The one whom I was obliged to employ chiefly and at a most exorbitant price was a half-breed and could speak the language as well as the Indians themselves, but I was always in doubt what to believe and what disbelieve. Although there are many on the Mississippi that can speak a little of the language still there are not more than three or four who can express moral or religious ideas in the language. I should have employed the white man above referred to a part of the time at least, but he was sick.

Having such obstacles to surmount it will not appear strange to the Board that our attempt to establish a mission amongst the Sacs and Foxes entirely failed of success. The Indians are themselves strongly prejudiced against any change of life as a general thing, and appear more strongly attached to their superstitions than most Indians with whom I have met, still these are not so formidable obstacles as those first mentioned.

When we arrived at Rock I. we heard that the Sacs &c. were just setting out to make their summer-hunt, a part having already gone and that Ke-o-kuck would doubtless be before we could reach his village. After some consul-