

to missionary operations. (See also Mr. Metoxen's interview with Black Hawk.)

At a council held with the Sacs &c. whilst I was in the region Col. William Davenport, Commanding Officer at F. Armstrong, (Rock I.) strongly urged upon the chiefs and head men of the two nations to have missionaries, &c. They replied, "They did not want missionaries." He then spoke of the advantages of forming an education and pointed them to the house and farm of the Interpreter across the river, and says "in a few years you also might have good houses and farms — it costs Gov't a great deal of money to hire teachers and now you may have them for nothing." To this no reply was made.

*Relation to other Tribes.*

The Sacs &c. are in a state of perpetual warfare with the Sioux. Their hunting ground joins on the N. W. and there are mutual complaints of encroachment which is one great cause of hostility. The Sacs &c are more warlike than the S. and more than a match when equal numbers meet in battle, but the Sioux are the most numerous by far, so that they live in constant fear of each other. They are also in a state of hostility with the Winnebagoes and Menomnies. I have heard, by the way, that there has been a massacre of some Menomnies the winter past by the Sacs. With all of the other neighboring tribes I believe they are upon terms of peace & friendship.

*Facilities and Difficulties in the way of doing them good.*

With regard to difficulties in the way of doing them good, some I have already enumerated, viz:— Opposition from white men,—very superstitious and attached to their rites, &c. To these may be added their vices, indolence and roving habits.

Provided the Sacs concentrate upon the Des Moines as it is expected that they will either where Appenoore has his village or in the vicinity; and if they could be induced to receive teachers &c. and locate in a few years under the