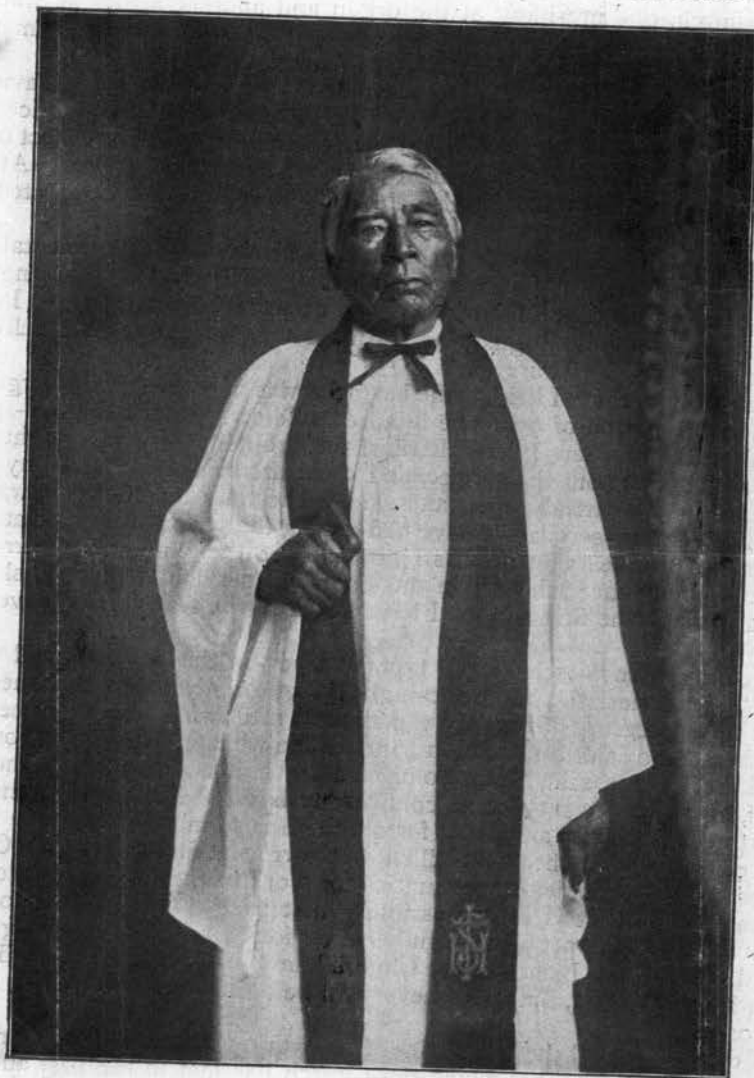


Early Indian Missions.

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When Bishop Whipple came to his new diocese in November, 1859, he found two tribes of Aborigines numbering about sixteen thousand—the Chippeways occupying reservations and unceded lands near Lake Superior



The Rev. John Johnson (Enmegahbowh)

and the head waters of the Mississippi, and the Dakotas the upper valley of the Minnesota river, both tribes in treaty with the United States government and receiving annuities, at peace with the whites, but allowed to carry on a savage warfare with each other.

This anomalous condition continued for three years, till the outbreak of August, 1862. The government agent distributed their funds and paid their annuities, but gave them no law or protection for life and property.



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