

"To each Chief, instead of twelve, we give twenty-five dollars, and to each head man fifteen dollars, their wives and children getting the same as the others. I told you also that what I was promising was not for to-day or to-morrow only, but should continue as long as the sun shone and the river flowed. My words will pass away and so will yours, so I always write down what I promise, that our children may know what we said and did. Next year I shall send copies of what is written in the treaty, printed on skin, so that it cannot rub out nor be destroyed, and one shall be given to each Chief so that there may be no mistakes.

"Then I promise to do as we have done with all before from Cypress Hills to Lake Superior, the Queen will agree to pay yearly five dollars per head for every man, woman and child. I cannot treat you better than the others, but I am ready to treat you as well.

"A little thing I had forgotten, and I have done. The Chiefs' and head men's coats will wear out, they are meant to be worn when it is necessary to show that they are officers of the Queen, and every third year they will be replaced by new ones.

"And now, Indians of the plains, I thank you for the open ear you have given me ; I hold out my hand to you full of the Queen's bounty and I hope you will not put it back. We have no object but to discharge our duty to the Queen and towards you. Now that my hand is stretched out to you, it is for you to say whether you will take it and do as I think you ought—act for the good of your people.

"What I have said has been in the face of the people. These things will hold good next year for those that are now away. I have done. What do you say ?"

MIS-TAH-WAH-SIS here came forward, shook hands with the Governor, and said :—"We have heard all he has told us, but I want to tell him how it is with us as well ; when a thing is thought of quietly, probably that is the best way. I ask this much from him this day that we go and think of his words."