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Rev. Dr. E. J. Strickland

Dear Sir:-

Pardon my delay in responding to your request. You can see the extract from a poem which embodies the history of this western country as related to Wakan the Supreme by the guardian spirits of the Dakotas. First Weyokah the special protector and teacher of the Red men; then Unktake who prepares the land for the white men and woo them thither, followed by Haokah the spirit of fire, drought and pestilence, and lastly Wankon the spirit of progress. You can take either the description of Unktake or the Great-Spirits' address to her:-and I send you there because they will be out of the usual line - but-if you want a concise sentence of my own, here it is:-

The world needs good thinking.

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And thou, serene Unklake, bless the earth
 With thy continued rule; thy streams shall run
 More swift and clear, thy dews more kindly fall;
 The grass shall spring at thy approach,
 And flowers bloom beneath thine airy tread.
 And in the silent watches of the night
 When thou shalt whisper in the dreamer's ear
 Of lofty enterprise and noble deeds
 Thou shalt inspire us.

Clara Bewick Colby
 From "A Song of the Plains"

Clara Bowditch Colley

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