

addressed to Professor A. S. Gatschet, the well-known philologist, I extract the following, which throws valuable light on the name system and mythology of the Shawano, and shows also that the two renderings, apparently so dissimilar, have a common origin:

Shawano personal names are nearly all clan names, and by their interpretation the clan to which the individual or his father or mother belongs may be discovered. Thus, when a man is called "tight fitting" or "good fit," he is of the *Rabbit* clan, because the fur fits the rabbit very tightly and closely. The name of Tecumtha is



FIG. 58.—Tecumtha.

One of the finest looking men I ever saw—about 6 feet high, straight, with large, fine features, and altogether a daring, bold-looking fellow.—*Captain Floyd, 1810.*

One of those uncommon geniuses which spring up occasionally to produce revolutions and overturn the established order of things.—*Governor Harrison.*

derived from *nila ni tka'mthka*, "I cross the path or way of somebody, or of an animal." This indicates that the one so named belongs to the clan of the round-foot or claw-foot animals, as panther, lion, or even raccoon. Tecumtha and his brother belonged to the clan of the *manetuwi msipessi* or "miraculous panther" (*msi*, great, big; *pishiwi*, abbreviated *pessi*, cat, both combined meaning the American lion). So the translations "panther lying in wait," or "crouching lion," give only the sense of the name, and no animal is named in it. But the *msi-pessi*, when the epithet miraculous (*manetuwi*) is added to it, means a "celestial tiger" i. e., a meteor or shooting star. The *manetuwi msi-pessi* lives in water only and is visible not as an

"pessi!"