ment of the United States was entirely unable to keep possession of the country, and protect the Indians in their rights.

British traders then monopolized nearly the entire fur-trade of this region—and British gold was lavishly expended, by active and efficient agents scattered over the whole country, to influence the Indian tribes, and enlist them in the cause of their former invaders, the English. On the other hand, the Government of the United States, had but a nominal possession of the country—but few forts, or places of defence, and these but feebly manned or defended, and the white population left to their own resources; it was but natural that the Indians should take side with the most powerful party, and with those who promised them, that the Americans should be entirely expelled and driven from the country, and the original occupants restored to their former homes. But this was not universally the case with the Menomonees, for altho' they generally united under the British Flag, there were many exceptions. The descendants of some of the old American settlers well know that their families were not only rescued from the scalping knife, but subsequently protected by different individuals of the Menomonee tribe. In the Black Hawk war, they assembled *en masse,* and showed themselves efficient allies of the whites, in bringing to a close, what at one time threatened to be a renewal of those savage and sanguinary scenes, which at earlier periods devastated and laid waste many settlements in the Northwest.

But what remains at the present day, of these once powerful and warlike tribes! Like snow, beneath the rays of the sun, they have disappeared, leaving but faint and feeble remnants of their tribe and people. The Winnebagoes at the present day, number but a tithe of their strength in the early part of the present century. The Menomonees, altho' not reduced to so great a proportion, yet are reduced to a mere fraction of their former numbers—and taking the past history of the Indian race as a criterion, we may assume as a settled and in-