

by such influences and in the very midst of them, our Native Churches have a terrible ordeal to pass through; and when the fickleness of the native character is taken into consideration it is not to be wondered at that many are snared and led away into forbidden paths, and broken and lost.

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SCOTTISH REPORT, FOR 1846.

To John Tawse Esqr. Secry Of the Venerable Society for Propagating Christian Knowledge. Edinburgh, Scotland.

DEAR SIR.—There has been little change in the political prospects of this nation since I made my last report. The Indian party as it styles itself is still determined not to come under the laws of the United States, and are at the present time pressing their petitions before congress for relief, but it is still uncertain whether anything will be done. This state of suspense is highly injurious as it prevents them from attempting to make any improvement where they now are, and they have incurred great expense which they are unable to meet. Whilst it is not to be concealed that the citizen party are not doing any better than the other. So that the measure of citizenship however desirable in itself will ultimately have a very disastrous effect upon the interests of the tribe.

There is a deficiency, amongst all of the aborigines in managing their temporal affairs. It consists in a want of judgement or common sense so to direct them as to secure prosperity and save damage and loss from neglect or mismanagement. Whether this deficiency is the result of want of capacity or habit and neglect of early instruction I am [at] a loss to determine.

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As I become more and more acquainted with the native character I am more deeply convinced that my first impressions were erroneous, and that any individual upon