

would take up one by one and put on the coals to prevent them from being entirely extinguished. They begged for something to eat but "I told them that I had nothing wh[ich] they could eat. I ascertained that they were the parents of a thousand powerful band of Indians; and that their children left them in the fall with a little wood & a few nuts, but they had eaten them all up & were in a state of starvation. After furnishing them with some wood I left them and with very great difficulty succeeded in reaching the house at a late hour in the night & for three days it was impossible to return on account of the storm & cold & when I did, found that poor, old, blind couple dead and lying side by side."

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#### FIRST SCOTTISH REPORT, FOR 1833.

*To the Secretary of the Scotland Society for Propagating Christian Knowledge.*

DEAR SIR— Since I wrote you in Aug. the affairs of this Mission have gone on without interruption. During this time there has been no general attention to religion, altho' (from time to time) some have been awakened, & for a time seemed to have considerable conviction, still I do not know that any have indulged hopes of a saving change. Meetings both on the Sab. & week days have been well attended; & sometimes there has been a deep solemnity upon the minds of the congregation, still these flattering appearances have been rather like the early cloud & morning dew, tho' all have not lost their convictions.

The state of feeling in the church has been very harmonious; but our faith & patience are greatly tried from time to time by the irregularities of some of the members. There has been four cases of discipline, tho' none of excommunication. Children in understanding as well as in