

Christian Advocate
Letters from Arkansas

Musca—A Hero—The Cherokee—Their Country—George Gause, the Author of the Cherokee

There are some fine looking men among the Chickasaws—tall, erect, and well proportioned, with a mild, open, and intelligent countenance. The best formed Indians I have yet seen were Osages, and I have only realized all my conceptions of Indian dignity of proportion and demeanor.

As I have said before, the Chickasaws have no written history. But tradition tells us that many years ago, when they entered the country, the Indians of their own country, the Choctaws, defeated the Creek Indians, and made up the territory of their country. They defeated the Creek Indians in a pitched battle, and one who saw it, for her heroic bearing, was elevated to the rank of chief.

One of the most celebrated men of their nation was a chief commonly called Embree. His name was Pathewashabubby-mingo. He was a genius and a hero. Taking a number of his warriors, he would strike for the Rocky Mountains. When he made up the territory of the Blackfeet, instead of attacking their property, and defeating them by his sagacity and valor in almost every battle. The Crows, the most profligate of all the Indian tribes, also felt his prowess; and when he struck at their camp, they fled. He was a great leader, and his name is still held in high esteem. He was a true Indian, and his name is still held in high esteem.

Hunting one day, he was perceived by a large party of Pawnees, who obliged him to take refuge in a den of the mountains. He could not find shelter here for given days, and suffered the miseries of famine. It took all an Indian's soul to stand the trial, but he was firm. At last on the seventh day he saw a large, ruddy ruse precipitately and dry tears were going. It was now, and he ceded.

This bold and brave warrior was easily shot through the heart with a single arrow, and while adroating the right of man.

The Cherokees are an industrious and intelligent people. In riding through their nation, one is surprised to see the houses, the sawmills, the salt-works, and the mills, which indicate a civilized and rapidly improving race.

A question is asked, the reply is ready English. They appeared to be contented, and happy, and industrious—the men intelligent, the women handsome and virtuous.

They have a written language, and a beautiful one—hard to pronounce for foreigners, but full of sweetness and meaning to themselves. The invention of their alphabet—the formation of a language of chaos and confusion—was reflected by the Cherokee, and he immediately adopted many of the Roman capitals, inverting some and reversing others, and thus finished his alphabet. His work completed, Susquehannah found it so difficult to learn, that he could not any one to learn it. But no one in the whole round of his acquaintance would attempt it, and he had to commence with his youngest daughter. Even here the Indian's parental affection and authority were called into play, and he before he succeeded. When he thought he had learned it sufficiently well, he called a council of the chiefs and neighbors, in order that they might judge for themselves. He and his daughter were admitted to the council, and then, after some moments, and then writing a few lines to her, the Indians were surprised to hear the very same things which were told them by the father instantly interpreted by his daughter. And the world gained round; the Indians found out the secret of the mysterious "speaking leaf," was no longer hidden from them, and their national pride was gratified by having a language of their own produced, and in common with the fairest citizens. The deep black eyes, and hair of a stiff texture, while the soft tissue upon the cheek imparts a bloom unaccustomed in the more voluminous regions of the South.

C. L.
Little Rock, March 11, 1847.

DEAR SIR.—In CORN WORKSHOPS.—There were 174 deaths in this establishment from Sunday to Sunday inclusive.

Sunday, 27th inst. there were 27 deaths. Monday, 28th, 16; Tuesday, 29th, Wednesday, 23; Thursday, 24th, Friday, 25th Saturday, 26; Sunday, 27th.

Melana Hahmann, the widow of the celebrated German physician, the inventor of Homoeopathy, has recently been promoted and brought to America. She is a woman of great beauty, refined, literary, and philosophical. She was fluent in French and English, though never having received any formal education. Her services are always demanded.

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