

it has been the watchful care of successful administrations, which has prevented them from destroying one another. Had it been the policy of the nation to exterminate the race in the shortest way, as has often been declared was its object and intention, nothing more would have been necessary than to encourage these savages, excite their jealousy, and stir up their revenge, and let them brutally kill one another. But, on the contrary, it seems to have been the ruling maxim of the government to ward off all the evils possible from this unfortunate and devoted race. In the language of an eminent explorer and author, we say, "Let us pity them. Let us practice forbearance toward them until the end. Let us teach them Christianity and the arts. They are not the less objects of our pity and of our untiring benevolence, because the causes of their decay and extinction are found in their own nature and character, and the unchangeable order of things. It is as natural as the laws which govern and control our existence, that savages should give place to civilized men, possessed of the strength, spirit, and cultivation of the present social condition and compact." They must and will fade away before the influences which are operating against them, as morning dew melts before the sun. But as we see written in legible characters on the signs of the times, and know that the days of their national existence are nearly numbered, we may not let them pass away without some reflections and regrets on the sad destiny to which they are hastening.

The Delawares, Pottawatomies, Wyandots, Shawnees, Osages, and others in Kansas and Nebraska, are perhaps,