

creatures, without the qualifying influence of the word of man. Those in this communion are careful to prefix the appellation 'Protestant' to the designation of their party; but I have sometimes been tempted to suspect that it has arisen from a secret conviction that some of the most distinguishing characteristics of Protestantism are not to be discovered in their system; just as another sect in the, so called, religious world, add 'Christians' to their distinctive title, lest, as they disavow the fundamental doctrine of Christianity, people should suspect that they are not entitled to the name.

Of Missionary societies there are in this city at least ten. Of these there are three or four which devote their funds to foreign missions; others to the support of preachers and teachers in the destitute regions of the United States, and among the poor wandering aborigines; one gives its exertions exclusively to the Jews, and one is subservient to the interests of the Episcopal church. I heard one evening a discourse, delivered in behalf of one of these home societies, at which four young Cherokees were present, some of them sons of chiefs; who had come to New York to be educated for acting as missionaries and teachers among their own nation. I afterwards met at Washington with the father of one of these youths, who appeared to be a man of decided piety, and of a well informed mind.

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