

fested by inviting our people into their wigwams; a privilege which was not conceded during my stay among them.

No appearance of a sense of religion was discoverable. Mr. Brisbane frequently observed them gabbling, for a quarter of an hour together, seemingly to the water; but nothing conclusive could be drawn from this circumstance.

In an excursion into the woods two dead bodies were found stretched on the ground, in such a manner as conveyed an idea that they had been placed there by way of sepulture. Mr. Brisbane had them interred, and frequently requested their countrymen to accompany him to the spot, that he might show them the nature of burial; but they always refused to proceed in that direction. Most probably this arose from a feeling peculiar to them, in relation to their departed friends.

Mr. Brisbane's attempt to instruct the natives in this particular could scarcely be expected to succeed; as we must suppose that, before they can acquire proper notions regarding the performance of a duty which calls forth the finest sympathies of our nature, they must be assisted by foreigners in the simple means of obtaining a better subsistence. In consequence of their local disadvantages, nature does not afford