

rank of chief or first magistrate of a village was of modern origin,* but we must not confound the notable or *taneza*, of whom there are several in one locality, and the chief or single leader or head man of a place. I was quite emphatic on that point.

I have stated that among the reasons that prompted the present communication was the fact that old misstatements about the ethnological status of our Indians have but lately been reprinted. No later than 1893, in such an otherwise accurate and complete work as the "Standard Dictionary," † there appeared under the word American, the following list of all the Déné tribes, which is, I think, from the pen of Prof. O. T. Mason.

Athabaskan.
 Apache.
 Chepewyan.
 Hupa.
 Jicarilla.
 Kutchin.
 Lipan.
 Loucheux.
 Mescalero.
 Montagnais.
 Navajo.
 Slave.
 Tinné.

Here, indeed, we have a list compared with which Dall's and Powell's are completeness itself. For it must be remarked that, brief as it appears, it is in reality even much shorter, since several tribes are therein twice mentioned under different names. To begin with, the first and the last terms, Athabaskan and Tinné are synonymous. So are Chepewyan and Montagnais, Kutchin and Loucheux. In fact, of the twenty well authenticated Déné tribes, the author of the list gives but nine. Yet, while he omits such important tribes as the Carriers, the TsiKoh'tin, the Tsé'Kéhne, the Nah'ane, the Hares, etc., he mentions that remnant of a tribe, the Lipans, who, according to Powell, may number fifteen individuals in the United States, while they are not much more than twice as many in Mexico. Besides, if I mistake not, the Jicarilla are but one of the eight subdivisions of the Apache tribe that live north of Mexico. At least that is what one is led to infer from the Reports of the U. S. Commissioner for Indian affairs. If that official is correct, Major Powell is wrong on that and cognate points.

Finally, I must repeat that, in my opinion, the only accurate list of

* "Are the Carrier Sociology and Mythology Indigenous or Exotic?" Trans. R.S.C., 1892, p. 118.

† Funk & Wagnalls Co., New York.