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### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF SEMINOLES

The Seminoles, the smallest and least known of the five civilized tribes, are the best governed of all today, and their affairs are in better condition and their nation more prosperous than any other of the five. Their land is said to be leased on favorable terms to the Indians and the leases are held by a better class of white farmers than are found in any of the other nations. This is largely due to the fact that the Seminoles have, ever since they have lived in their present homes, been fortunate in a just and patriarchial form of government. They have had chiefs who have governed wisely and have had excellent council in their affairs.

The Seminoles are a part of the Creek tribe. Nearly a century ago they left the Creeks, who were