

than the children of the Natives, even if they could as easily be obtained ; and when instructed, they would be equally promising, as the instruments of spreading civilization and the religion of the gospel, among the Indian tribes. They have always been habituated to a life, in a great measure settled ; and they would, therefore, endure confinement, better than children who have lived among the wandering savages. They are partially civilized, by an intercourse with those, who have carried into the wilderness many of the feelings and habits of civilized society. They would not be liable to be withdrawn, at an improper time, from the place of their education, by the whims and caprice of unstable parents. At the same time, being familiarly acquainted with the manners and customs and feelings of the savages, by a frequent intercourse with them, being able to speak their languages, and having some of the Indian blood circulating in their veins, they would, when properly instructed, be as well qualified to gain access to the Natives, and to have influence over them, as if they had originally been taken, directly from their families.