

your intimate acquaintance with the subject, will, I have no doubt, be interesting to the public in general, and to the Christian public in particular.

How lamentably pagan and degraded soever, the greater portions of the Indian nations of this continent may continue to be, it is pleasing to know, that something has been attempted and accomplished in their behalf,—as is evident from the great change which has been wrought in the social and moral condition of those of the Aboriginal Tribes, which have been brought under the influence of Christian instruction and principle by the agents of our own, and other Missionary Societies. Of this, in one instance, I am prepared to bear my humble testimony, from the opportunity I once had of visiting the settlement and mission established among the Ochipwa Indians on the Credit River, a few miles above Toronto, while that mission was under your pastoral care. I was indeed delighted, while going from house to house through the village on a Saturday evening, to observe the cleanliness of their dwellings and persons, and their calm and quiet preparations for the Sabbath. Still more delighted was I on that holy day, to witness their devout attachment to the duties and ordinances of religion; and can say, that I never any where saw the Sabbath more properly observed.— And could I have visited the other Indian missions in Canada West, I should no doubt have witnessed similar exhibitions of the hallowing and civilizing influence of Christianity. Little, however, I fear has been done for the long-neglected and deeply-injured Aborigines of this continent, compared with what remains to be done. On this subject, I beg to submit to you an extract of a letter which I received some time since from that illustrious friend of the Indians, Sir Augustus d'Este, son to His Royal Highness the late Duke of Sussex:—

“The sun of the Great Spirit is shining upon his Red Children: it is for his own favoured ones of a fairer skin, now to take advantage of it. Lord Glenelg appears to me to be a blessing upon the Indians. He is willing, more, *desirous* to make up to these now living, for the unrighteous dealings of the past; in consequence of which, the Departed are gone, leaving their Descendants our Creditors, whose debts Justice herself would never be able to liquidate.”

You have my best wishes, dear Sir, for the success of your undertaking; and sincerely do I hope, that it may