

Mr. Jones was a man of sterling piety, with much natural good sense and shrewdness; and had evidently taken great pains in the cultivation and improvement of his mind. His appearances in this country, on two successive visits, afforded high and just gratification to immense numbers of persons, who saw in him an undeniable proof, both of the capacities of his countrymen, and of the power of Christianity to reclaim and elevate those who were at the utmost distance from European civilization.

“Mr. Jones’s researches into the antiquities, customs, and language of his nation, will doubtless be duly appreciated by students in philology and ethnology, &c.; while the philanthropist will have his sympathies excited on behalf of an aboriginal people struggling to maintain themselves against those destructive forces which the neighbourhood of the ‘white man’ appears to generate wherever he goes. But for the influence of ‘the glorious Gospel of the blessed God,’ the progress of their decay would have been more rapid, if indeed they would not ere now have become extinct; but we may hope that under its influence they may yet be preserved, and prosper. The fatal ‘fire-water’—supplied, alas! by those who bear the Christian name,—appears to have been regarded by Mr. Jones as their worst foe, and his estimate is probably correct.

“The book would doubtless have been more complete, had Mr. Jones lived to publish it himself; but as it is, it well deserves a wide circulation, and a careful reading; and wishing it may obtain both, I remain, sir,

“Yours truly,

“G. OSBORN.”