

P R E F A C E.

THE name of the Rev. Peter Jones will still be familiar to many who recollect his visit to this country in 1831, for the purpose of urging upon the Government the territorial rights of his fellow-countrymen. There is probably no one who can speak with more authority than he, on the past state of the North American Indians, probably of the Ojebway nation, to which he himself belonged ; and of the amelioration of their condition consequent on their conversion to Christianity. It must ever be a matter of regret that his graphic and interesting narrative was never completed by his own hand. To the lovers of philology, and to all who take an interest in these remarkable people, his brief account of the different languages in use among the various tribes will possess great interest. The sketch of his life is drawn up by his widow, with whom he left his many interesting MSS.

The publisher has the pleasure of appending the following letter from the Rev. G. Osborn, D.D., Secretary of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society :—

“ Sir,—I have read with much interest the proof-sheets you were kind enough to send me, of a posthumous work by the late Rev. Peter Jones, formerly a missionary in connexion with this Society, among the Chippeway—or, as it is now written, Ojebway Indians, in Upper Canada.