

this object, their instructions have proved to be completely superficial ; and their proselytes have relapsed into their original ignorance and idolatry, as soon as the care of the Missionaries has been withdrawn or relaxed.

In those cases where attention has been paid to introduce the improvements of civilized life, as well as the light of religion, many failures have arisen from an attempt to do too much at once—to convert a set of complete savages immediately into a civilized society. The children of Indians have in some instances been taken from their parents at an early age, and have received a complete European education ; but these lads upon arriving at manhood, and returning among their countrymen, have generally relapsed into all the habits of savage life. In a few instances the result has been different, but not more satisfactory.—Some one or two Indians, educated at great expence and trouble, may have remained among the European Settlers, but associating with them only, and in no degree contributing to the progress of improvement among the natives in general.

From these facts, it appears clear, that no effectual progress can take place in the civilization of the Indians, unless it be made by a whole tribe together, or at least by such a number as may form a society among themselves, and by the effect of