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AN AFFECTIONATE
APPEAL TO CHRISTIAN BENEVOLENCE,
FOR THE
PROMOTION OF EDUCATION AND INDUSTRY
AMONG THE
INDIANS AND DESTITUTE SETTLERS IN CANADA,
BY THE
REV. THADDEUS OSGOOD, A.M.

MR. OSGOOD has been itinerating seventeen years in the provinces of Canada, and on the frontiers of the United States, distributing Bibles, Testaments, and Elementary Tracts, giving moral and religious instruction to the poor, establishing schools, particularly Sunday Schools, and setting up small libraries wherever practicable.

After Mr. Osgood had laboured in this destitute field five years he visited England in the year 1813, under the patronage of the Governor in Chief, Sir George Prevost, and collected £1,800. partly for an asylum for the poor, and partly for the instruction of orphans and destitute children. The sum of £100. which was given towards the asylum has been paid to the Treasurer of the House of Industry in Montreal; the sum of £1,700. which was collected for the education of the destitute was vested in the British funds, under the care of a Committee appointed in London for that purpose; of which John Inglis, Esq. was Treasurer: at whose death Joseph Reyner, Esq. succeeded to the same trust. By the Treasurer's books the different items of expenditure will appear, to the satisfaction of all, who may wish to examine the same. The Committee will embrace an early opportunity of publishing their report, which it is hoped will meet the approbation of every donor.

Though it was thought advisable that the interest of the money only should be used, so pressing have been the importunities in behalf of the poor in Canada, more than half of the original fund has been expended, *but not in vain*; for, in consequence of this effort, it is calculated that more than Two THOUSAND children have been brought under elementary and moral instruction: assistance has been granted to two Masters, who were trained up under the British and Foreign School Society, and sent out to organize and conduct schools in Canada. In these schools a number of young men have been qualified to become teachers; two of whom are sons of an Indian Chief. So very anxious are some of our Red Brethren of the forest to receive instruction, that one of the Chiefs offered to give up his own house for a school-room.

Mr. Osgood comes to this country under the patronage, and by the recommendation, of the British and Canadian School Society, of which Earl Dalhousie is Patron. The following is a testimonial from their Secretary.

“ *Montreal, Feb. 23, 1825.*

“The Committee of the British and Canadian School Society feel much pleasure in hearing testimony to the indefatigable, zealous, and successful efforts of the Rev. Thaddeus Osgood, in the moral and religious improvement of the rising generation of this extensive colony.

“The important and interesting objects—viz. the cause of the poor neglected Indians in the Canadas, as well as the present urgent necessity of training up and qualifying, in a central school in this country, young persons to be teachers, to supply the destitute settlements—they strongly recommend to the Christian public.

“WILLIAM LUNN, *Secretary of the British and Canadian School Society.*”