

vage tribes to adopt the Christian religion ; but in all cases where they have confined their attention solely to this object, their instructions have proved to be completely superficial, and their proselytes have relapsed into their original ignorance and idolatry the moment that the care of the missionaries has been withdrawn or relaxed.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. An individual Indian, educated at great expense and trouble, has remained among the European settlers, 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 be made in the civilization of