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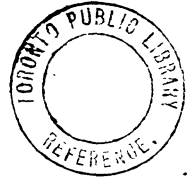
# ON THE CIVILIZATION

OF THE

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**O**F the many attempts which have been made by benevolent individuals and associations, for the instruction and civilization of savages in various parts of the world, a very few only have succeeded ; but by an attentive comparison of the methods which have proved successful, and of those which have failed, we shall arrive at principles, upon which we may act with confidence in future undertakings.

One very common cause of failure has been the attempt to inculcate religious and moral instruction, without a sufficient basis of the habits of civilization. The Jesuits and other Missionaries, by great address and uncommon perseverance, have sometimes succeeded in persuading savage tribes to adopt the Christian Religion; but in all cases where they have confined their attention solely to