

The Hudson's Bay Company have always been disposed to promote education among the natives ; but their attention has been chiefly directed to the children of half-blood, reared about their factories, in consequence of the connexion of their European servants with Indian women. Though the Company have been liberal in affording opportunities of instruction to these children, it has been left in a great degree to the discretion of their chief officers, and the object has not always been equally attended to. More might certainly have been accomplished, if there had been a separate fund specifically set apart for the purposes of education. Of the many attempts which have been made by benevolent individuals and associations for the civilization and instruction 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 may arrive at principles which will serve as a sure guide 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 sa-