

Indian boys, of every different language, will be led to associate as companions. With this view, it is a fortunate circumstance, that the various nations of Indians in the territories of the Hudson's Bay Company are, at present, generally in a state of peace; and though they entertain strong prejudices against each other, no violent hostilities prevail, except among some of the remotest of the tribes.

To the acquisition of the English language, may be added reading, writing, with the first elements of arithmetic; but it may be a question, whether it would be prudent to press too much this course of instruction. It must be kept in mind, that among these Indians the youth are scarcely accustomed to the smallest degree of restraint from their parents, and it would hardly be possible to make them submit to that sort of controul which is exercised over children in our schools.—Much address must, therefore, be used to induce them to give a willing attention to the objects of primary importance; and it would be dangerous to make too severe a demand upon their patience. Their exertions must be kept alive by the attraction of novelty, and by great variety in their occupations. Of sedentary study, a very small portion only, can be ventured. No object of exertion should be pursued so far at one time, as to