

lent association, might ascertain their feelings, in regard to such an establishment as I have proposed.

The Aborigines of America, are capable of being exalted in the scale of existence, and of arriving, even at eminence, in the arts and sciences. The native oratory of some of them, is proverbial in civilized countries, and has caused them to be enrolled among the sons of genius. Many of them afford proof, that they possess acute and comprehensive minds ; and as a people, their mental capacity is certainly respectable. Nor, perhaps, can a people be found on the earth who are not raised above them by superior cultivation and means of improvement, who possess greater elevation of feeling, and who appear more majestick in ruins. Their virtues and their vices too, are not those of ignoble minds. Let their condition be improved by the arts of civilized life, their minds be enlightened by science, and their hearts be softened by the genial influence of christianity, and they will assume a respectable rank among the nations. Could we hear some of their superior geniuses unfold to their countrymen the wonderful scheme of