

shall not be overlooked. They are not a race abandoned by God, to inevitable destruction; though the idea has, strangely, gotten possession of some minds. In proportion to the efforts which have been made, perhaps no missions to the heathen have been crowned with greater success, than those to the American Aborigines. To this fact, the fruit of the labours of Elliott, of the Mayhews, of Brainerd, of the Moravians, and, especially, of the recent establishment among the Cherokees, will bear abundant witness.

The Indian tribes, whose condition is unfolded in this work, have claims upon christian compassion; and some facts, which the authour has disclosed to me, have led me to suppose, that a missionary establishment might be made, with reference to their instruction, with a fair prospect of success, and with less expense, than ordinarily attends such operations.

In the numerous establishments of the North West Company, there are from twelve to fifteen hundred women and children, who are wholly, or in part, of Indian extraction. Women have, from time to time, been taken from among the Natives,