

And now the Red River Academy, sending its light into the wilderness, and already furnishing students to the Universities of England, Scotland, and Canada, is the monument of your zeal for the education of our youth. The churches of every denomination of Christians throughout the Continent bear witness to your desire for the promotion of religious instruction, as well as the civilisation of the native Indians.

And lastly—not to omit material interests—two hundred importers from England, with capital almost exclusively of colonial creation, evidence the rewards of agriculture, industry, and commercial enterprise under your fostering care.

May it please you to accept the dedication of my work,

And believe me to be, SIR,

With sincere respect,

Your most obliged and faithful servant,

ALEXANDER ROSS.