

when they return to their parents and friends, should be conspicuously superior to those who have not had the benefit of instruction. They must not, therefore, be allowed to forget those accomplishments of savage life, without which they would be despised. They must be sent back possessed of as much dexterity in hunting and fishing as their companions; and their additional acquirements should be such as are most likely to be valued. Reading or writing alone will gain but little credit to one of these young men; but if he has learned to mend a gun, he will be highly respected in his tribe, and others will become ambitious of obtaining the same opportunities of improvement. The point of most essential importance is to inure them, as far as possible, to habits of foresight and persevering industry; and to give them practical experience of the facility of cultivating the ground, as well as the great advantages of the practice.

The English language should be a primary object; both as it will serve as a vehicle for farther instruction, and as it will furnish a common medium of communication between the Indians of different nations, and thereby tend, in a great degree, to obviate their dissensions: nothing indeed could have so much effect in softening their animosities, as the institution of a school, in which