

the conversion of the natives in the interior, and west. This is a complaint made by others. It is true, there is a school for missionaries, at Red River settlement; but it is, necessarily, on too limited a scale for general purposes.

I have heard often, from our voyageurs and trappers, that they saw rude crosses painted on lowly and deserted huts, or cut on trees, in the interior of the country, 1000 miles beyond the bounds of civilisation. To these emblems there is always a devotional reverence paid; for there is associated with them a traditionary record in the Indian mind, that they were the work of "the good white fathers, who, unlike other white men, never robbed or cheated them."

But, exclusively of the humanity of converting the Indians to christianity on sober and rational principles, there is a high principle of state policy involved in it. If the natives were converted, through the instrumentality of the Church of England, or even of British dissenters, to christianity, they would, *en masse*, attach themselves to Great Britain. But as England has not used this powerful lever to move them; and as they are left through this culpable apathy and neglect to the influence of the Papal power, (which has already, within a few months,