

former deprived of all regular religious instruction form perhaps the most shocking specimen of human depravity in the history of the world. The latter, where they are settled in the townships with a resident Clergyman, or even with the occasional instruction of a visiting Missionary,* present a delightful picture of primitive society, living in the interchange of mutual good offices, exercising charity to the poor, and hospitality to strangers, and studying to bring up their families in the practice of Christian piety.

The Colonists are themselves fully sensible of the value and importance of the services rendered them by the Government and by the Society; and deep indeed will be their dismay and sorrow, when they find that blessing thus unseasonably withdrawn from them. The tables of the Corporation, of the Bishop, of the District Committees in the Colonies, loaded with their petitions for additional Missionaries afford a less convincing proof of their earnestness, and of their attachment to our Communion, than the long and painful journies which many of them frequently undertake, through trackless forests, and in inclement seasons, to hear that preaching, and to receive those sacraments from which they derive strength and comfort in this life, and the hope of everlasting happiness hereafter.

Nor are the utmost efforts and self-denying sacrifices of individuals on the spot, wanting to contribute their part in

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