

globe; and it was natural to ask what was the principle that guided this great nation in those mighty endeavours. Then, to tell future ages what was the master principle which was at the root of all this conduct, comes the Bible Society. Yes, it is the principle which formed the Society, that has given birth to our greatness and our glory: and we may depend upon it, my Lord, that as long as we adhere to this principle, we are safe, and we are glorious.

Let us not then shrink from our pursuit; let us be convinced that, in diffusing the Scriptures, we consult not merely the passing gratification of a moment, but the deepest, the most permanent, and the most comprehensive interests of human nature.

No. III.

SELECTIONS FROM THE MONTHLY CORRESPONDENCE OF THE PARENT INSTITUTION.

From the Rev. T. Thomason, Secretary to the Calcutta Auxiliary Bible Society, dated Calcutta, February 27, 1816.

LAST week we celebrated the Fifth Anniversary of our Society. The Report read by our esteemed President, shews how much has been done, or attempted to be done, in the few years which have elapsed since our Society was established. The Patrons of this Auxiliary Institution will, I hope, see, that it has accomplished as much as could be reasonably expected; and this impression will be strengthened, when they advert to the numerous Auxiliary Associations lately established for the dissemination of the Scriptures in the East. Our operations are of necessity slow in making their appearance; but they are unremitted; and Providence smiles on the various exertions of Societies and Individuals, in the cause of Divine Truth.

This Society, at its last Meeting, was happy in being able to approximate more nearly than before, to the fair image and proportions of its Parent. The arrival of Dr. Bryce at this Presidency, as the established Minister of the Scotch Church, has produced this assimilation. He has been associated with myself as joint Secretary to our Society, and two members of his congregation have been added to the list of our Committee. Thus representatives of the English, Scotch, Armenian, and Portuguese Churches, combine in Calcutta, as in England, and other parts, to give free circulation to the word of God. Forgetting our minor differences, we agree to give the Bible to those who need it; persuaded that no charity can be more