

ple, you destroy the blessed charm which binds the whole together. If you trench upon this sacred principle, you overthrow our altars which we have erected to the God of the Bible. You silence our shouts of praise, and we inscribe on our Society—"the glory is departed"—the glory is departed from Britain, for the Bible Society is no more." "It is incredible to any one" says the learned Bishop HORSLEY, "It is incredible to any one, who has not in some degree made the experiment, what a proficiency may be made in that knowledge which maketh wise unto salvation, by studying the Scriptures in this manner, *without any other commentary or exposition than what the different parts of the sacred volume mutually furnish for each other.* I will not scruple to assert, that the *most illiterate christian*, if he can but read his English Bible, and will take the pains to read it in this manner, will not only attain all that practical knowledge which is necessary to his salvation; but, by God's blessing, he will become learned in every thing relating to his religion, in such degree, that he will not be liable to be misled, either by the refined arguments or false assertions of those who endeavour to engraft their own opinion upon the oracles of God. He may safely be ignorant of all philosophy, except what is learned from the sacred books, which indeed contain the highest philosophy, adapted to the lowest apprehensions. He may safely remain ignorant