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THIS article has already occupied much more room than was anticipated, but the great importance of the subject, and the necessity of doing justice to the labours of the different associations employed in disseminating the lights of Christianity among the heathen, will plead our excuse with serious minds. It is indeed a great consolation to all who sincerely believe in the Gospel, to behold exertions to promote its extension, surpassing all that have been made since the Apostolical age. Good men of every denomination, are seen uniting together in this meritorious labour, with an intelligence and zeal that cannot fail, through the divine blessing, of ultimate success. No desire perhaps recurs more often to pious minds, than to behold all mankind converted to the truth as it is in Jesus, and they are eager to meet with opportunities of assisting in such a glorious work.— Even persons who do not upon common occasions manifest any warm regard for Christianity, cannot forbear from reflecting at times on the promises in the Scriptures, which foretell the establishment of Christ's Kingdom on earth, and from experiencing a lively interest in the success of the attempts so generally making to bring about their accomplishment. The great objection now brought against Missionary labours, is the little success which hath attended them in proportion to the time, and trouble, and expence. At first they were ridiculed for promoting visionary schemes, which