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TO PROMOTE the extension and establishment of the kingdom of righteousness and peace, is the noblest employment in which mortals can be engaged. The prosecution of this work, not only associates us with the best and wisest of mankind, but brings us into direct co-operation with the Almighty, in the fulfilment of his plans and purposes of evangelizing the nations of the earth.

To a feeling mind, the moral degradation of the species, must necessarily be a fruitful source of pain ; while the melioration of its wretchedness, cannot fail of communicating to the heart the liveliest emotions of joy. This melioration however, can only be effected by the extensive diffusion of gospel truth ; and how much satisfaction and encouragement do we derive from knowing, that such is the mighty energy of its principles, that wherever they are permitted to exert their influence, and possess the heart, the base and irregular passions are banished from the human mind, and the character and happiness of man, as a rational and immortal being, are exalted and secured.

With these views of the design and tendencies of "the Gospel of the Grace of God" and with earnest desires for the happiness and salvation of the WORLD by its universal diffusion and influence, this Auxiliary Society was formed nine years since, and continues to receive an encouraging degree of support.

The Committee in closing their labours, and in submitting to you their Report for the past year, would express their firm and growing conviction, that the cause of christian missions to the heathen world, is the