

become the Classic of the world. And all this will be achieved, under the divine blessing, by human instrumentality.

Independently of the direct and magnificent object of this Institution, there emanate from its operation very important collateral advantages to the christian cause. Two of these strike me with peculiar force : it is the common friend of all Missionary Societies ; and it is well adapted to bring about a better understanding, and a better feeling, among the different denominations of christians. The British and Foreign Bible Society is the luminous rallying point where they may all meet in the exercise of the noblest susceptibilities of the human heart, and where they may concentrate their efforts for the moral and religious melioration of the world. Let christians, then, of every name strike their hands in a covenant of love—of love to God—to one another—to the whole redeemed species ; and more anxious for the triumph of the gospel, than for the predominance of party, let them cordially unite in the benevolent work of circulating to earth's furthest verge, that illustrious BOOK, which they all acknowledge to be their beacon of safety, the charter of the common salvation, and the infallible and universal standard of faith and practice.

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