

? Whilst it is in question, I rely upon the English 'Respectable' upon the poor people's salvation this in- to promote. But English Gentleman' or ble Clergyman,' or gue and Bennett, or or, or myself know any g of it, I rejoice ex- d I congratulate you, as Public, and the "New mpany," that we have one at least, who knows, is therefore able to make us know something about the "New-England Company", and its operations. Near the close of the communication, R. tells us in a round, unqualified manner, that "*the funds of this Society are not large, nor its exertions great: the latter, however, correspond with the former.*" In this short sentence we have three things roundly asserted, two of which I call upon R. to prove or retract. That the exertions of the Society are not great, (that they are in proportion to their ability, insignificant) I readily grant; but that their funds are not large, and that their exertions are not proportioned to them I flatly deny, and deny it, on the authority of direct communication with various individuals. The knowledge, however, which R. appears to possess is just that of which the public ought to be put in possession, not merely by the vague *ipse dixit* of an individual, known or unknown, but by a succinct annual report of its operations from

year to year, with a fair statement of its Revenue and its Expenditure, the names of its Missionaries and their Stations;—What have secrecy and Honesty to do with each other in the spread of Divine Truth? I maintain that secrecy in the affairs of a public Institution relative to the points just mentioned are a just ground of suspicion. Such suspicion does exist and is strengthened from day to day; if R. therefore is the Friend of the Committee of the New England Company" and does really know what he *appears* to know, let him, without loss of time defend the Society, disabuse the public and forever tranquilize the minds of the "*incredible*" and the '*credulous*' by removing those suspicions. Let him give us a faithful report of its History, its Missionaries, its stations, its operations, its success, its income and its expenditure; I dare predict that American Writers and editors, as the faithful organs of the public, will be satisfied with nothing less; and should he succeed, I shall readily acknowledge that I am wrong, as in such a case, would certainly become,—

Another English Gentleman.

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