

Patrons adieu, cherishing a lively sense of gratitude, for the aid they have bestowed upon our efforts to further the cause of Christ, through the instrumentality of the *Christian Register*.

AMERICAN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

We have been politely favoured with the eighth report of the above Society, which has been formed in the neighbouring states for the education of pious young men for the Gospel Ministry. It is flattering to the feelings of a benevolent heart, to hear of the increasing exertions, which are making at the present day for the extension of Christ's kingdom, and for the spread of his holy word. We can scarcely cast our eyes upon any quarter of the Globe, where we do not find it entered upon and contended for, by the zealous advocates of the Cross. Although the labourers are few comparatively speaking, in the great Vineyard of Jehovah, yet how it rejoiceth us to hear, that their numbers are increasing—and every step which is taken to swell the army of the faithful combatants, should be hailed by the great and the good, as an additional advance in the consummation of prophecy, for the final emancipation of the earth from darkness. With similar views, we notice the Institution, which heads these few hasty remarks; and we cannot but regret that our time and limits will only allow of our making for the present, some few extracts from the Report. Since the first establishment of this Society in 1815, it has received and assisted four hundred and fourteen pious individuals for the Ministry—this number taken in connexion with those assisted by other, but similar Institutions, in the northern and middle States, make the whole number seven hundred and twenty one. What a powerful addition is this, to the number of those who are fitted for the Ministry without this charitable assistance; and yet with all this increase of the Heralds of Salvation, we are told, more than two

thousand Churches are now destitute of the regular preaching of the Gospel. This speaks louder than words, and more than volumes of the necessity of such Institutions—we close with the following:

"We are encouraged by the prospect of as many worthy applicants for charitable assistance as we can receive and educate. We look to Sabbath Schools, Bible Classes and Revivals of Religion for this supply of Beneficiaries. In Sabbath Schools are seen those, who shall be the future Missionaries and Ministers of the cross. In Great Britain, a great majority of the orthodox ministers under 40 years of age; a still greater proportion of the missionaries from that to other countries, and Dr. Morrison, among them, who has lately translated the Bible into the language of the millions of China, became pious in Sabbath Schools. May we not hope, that very many will become pious in the Sabbath Schools of America, and be educated for the Ministry by this and kindred Societies?"

We mention Bible Classes because we desire their increase, and we delight to contemplate the reciprocal action upon each other of the simultaneous efforts of the present day for the improvement of the rising generation.

We are encouraged by the reflection that through the influence of Revivals and Education Societies, at least three hundred and fifty pious young men in our Theological Seminaries; seven hundred and eight in our Colleges; and more than two hundred in our Academies; amounting to twelve hundred and fifty eight, are pursuing their studies, who will probably become ministers of the Gospel; which is a greater number than were educated for the ministry in 30 years previous to 1810."

It is announced in the London Baptist Magazine for Oct. that Mahomedanism is on the decline. This information is given by "a gentleman whose rank and character render his testimony indubitable" and