

not an opportunity of saying a word in explanation of it, hence we put it in a second time.

The missionaries to heathen lands, consider it a matter of great importance, not only to preach the Gospel to them that will hear, but also to instruct the natives in the arts of civilized life, and to learn them to read their own language ; while thus engaged, they take every opportunity of pouring into their opening minds, the truth respecting Jesus ; and when it pleases the God of all grace to bless these truths to the hearts and consciences of their disciples, they become great helpers to the missionaries—for when a sufficient time has elapsed to enable the missionaries to judge of the reality of their pupils' conversion—that he is fairly weaned from the love and practice of sin—that he is able, by the help of God, to stand up against the ridicule of his friends and brethren—and has knowledge sufficient, of the way of salvation, to speak of it to others, he is sent out amongst his benighted countrymen to teach them the way of life. The picture on the first of the *Record* is intended to represent one of these native preachers, for there are now many such in India. What a change must have been effected in many places in India, through God's blessing, on the faithful labours of the missionary. Not many years since India was all darkness, and the people sunk in the lowest degradation, and given up to the most cruel practices ; even yet the Heralds of the cross have not reached far into the country ; the middle, or as it is called, the interior of Africa, is full of heathens. There are no Missionaries, no Bibles, no means of grace there. All is darkness, and Satan reigns in peace. Africa is still a heathen continent, but there is a beautiful promise concerning it, "Ethiopia shall stretch out her hands towards God." Yes, even Africa shall be converted, and Jesus shall have its sable sons for the jewels of his crown. "The God of the whole earth shall be called."