

ADDRESS.

MANY of the Religious Societies formed in England have weighty claims on your attention, and demand your co-operation; but no Society was ever formed with stronger claims upon your zealous services, than that, whose interests we are now met to advance—it is a Society whose efforts are directed to your immediate advantage.

It is well known that the heathen in distant lands have received much assistance from the liberality of British Christians; and several Societies were formed for the Conversion of the heathen; their labours have been crowned with success, but much, very much, remains to be done;—it was said by many “why do we send Missionaries to the heathen abroad, and pass by unconcerned the heathenism at home—our Mills and Factories have risen up in all directions, the labourers in them have located in their vicinities by hundreds and thousands, yet no Church, or house of God has been erected;”—Societies were immediately formed to provide for the visitation of the people in their houses, and to erect Schools and Churches for their advantage, and abundant success has crowned their labours—but it was next inquired, “*and what have we done for our Colonies?*” we have sent from our shores, or there have departed from our Country, our brothers, parents, children, friends and neighbours—our countrymen! they are gone to seek, or to improve their fortunes in the world;—but they are gone to those places where

“The Church going bell is ne’er heard.”