

formerly uttered by the Prophet may no longer be applicable to this country : " my people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." Notwithstanding the impediments which still exist to the exertions and usefulness of this and our Sister Society, yet the obstructions are diminishing ; and although our advances may be so gradual, as to be almost imperceptible, and commensurate neither with our wishes nor attempts, yet we trust, that the good seed scattered will not all be lost ; and we will strive to approximate the standard of those loftier institutions, whose line, like that of the sun, " is gone out through all the earth, and their word to the end of the world ;" and of whom, it may now almost literally be affirmed, " there is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard."

The Committee would impress upon all the Members of this Society, the urgent necessity of union and activity in this sacred warfare. It is the strife of faith against infidelity—of hope against delusion—of love against discord—of holiness against sin—and of comfort against despair. " In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand." But as every good and perfect gift cometh down from the Father of Lights, and success flows only through the divine approbation and assistance, we should all adopt the Prophet's resolution : " For Zion's sake I will not hold my peace, until the righteous thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth." Thus may we joyously realize the arrival of that blissful period, when the language of prediction shall have become historical fact, and of the Christian church, whose domains shall circumscribe the " great multitude whom no man can number, of all nations, kindreds, and people, and tongues," it shall be triumphantly recorded : " The Lord is thine everlasting light—thy people are all righteous—and thou art a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord."