

From this view of the case, we derive the consolatory assurance, that the obstacles, which have hitherto disappointed our hopes, may in time be surmounted by vigorous and honest application of means confessedly within our reach, and already in partial operation. The path which was trodden by the early disciples is still open; it will still be illumined by the presence, and smoothed by the power, of the Redeemer. In making our country the centre of action, the source of light, to the remote dependencies of the empire, and, through them, to the whole world, we shall lay the solid foundations of success. And hence we perceive the necessity of redoubled exertion, to root the love of Religion in the hearts of our people, and to accustom them from their infancy to walk as "children of light."* By perseverance in this system, we may ultimately be enabled to check the moral infection too widely diffused by our countrymen, who are brought, by the calls of professional duty, or commercial enterprize, into immediate contact with the Heathen; and to impress on their mind and their conduct the genuine character of Christi-

* Ephes. v. 8.