

the communication of the blessings of true religion to the Colonies of the Empire. The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, instituted indeed at an earlier date, was in 1701, A. D., as before said, established by Royal Charter. In 1725, A. D., there were thirty-one Missionaries sent forth by the Society. In 1835, A. D., during the long interval of one hundred and ten years, the number of Missionaries had increased to two hundred; but since then till 1849, A. D., during only fourteen years of interval, the number of Missionaries amounted to three hundred and fifty-five.

One of the most gratifying events in the history of this Society, is the eminent success with which God has chosen to bless its agency in contributing to the establishment of the Church in the United States; for, an establishment she has, though on a basis that derives no support from legal statutes. The worldly policy of the Imperial Government for the time then being, declined the duty of establishing her upon a foundation commensurate with the spiritual necessities of the people, a duty whose performance would have been its glory, and perhaps its best wisdom in other respects. So much as this may be said without imputing blame, for who can now estimate the resisting force which was opposed to the execution of such a duty by the theoretical views and wilful prejudices of the Colonists themselves. Be this as it may, to the Venerable Society, next to the Church of England, belongs the honour under Heaven's auspicious aid, of engrafting and making grow a branch which