

tion, that in the very darkest hour of frantic ambition, when the angel of war breathed his deepest curse on distracted Europe, and seemed to move even the pillars of Nature by the fury of his tumults, the heralds of this Society in distant countries were waging war with the powers of darkness, and earning the spoils of a pure and bloodless success. The tumults of factions have now passed away; the songs of triumph, and the groans of the conquered, are alike hushed in eternal repose; but the Bible cause grows in strength as in years, its designs have been embodied in action, its utility has been proved by experience, and the safety with which its operations have been conducted, has only been surpassed by the grandeur of its results."†

There are two features in the character of this Institution which strongly recommend it to patronage and support, namely, *the simplicity of its object*, and, *the unanimity which it tends to cherish*—Its sole aim is to disseminate the lively oracles of truth without any of the criticisms, comments, or glosses of human authors; and thus it allows the pure light of Heaven to beam into the darkest and most dismal abodes of wretchedness, in its own native and benignant splendour. "This is a principle which ties together all the Bible Societies, Auxiliary Societies, Branch Societies, and Associations, in Britain and Europe and throughout the world. If you trench upon this sacred princi-

† Edinburgh Christian Instructor.