

persons to attain to the possession and enjoyment of the Grace and truth of the Gospel.

The Empire of Burmah and the Continents and Islands of Australasia and the Pacific Ocean, are literally stretching out their hands to God, "eager to receive his word, and to be instructed in the truths of his gospel; and there is every reason to hope, that ere long the mighty power of the Chinese Empire will be so encircled and assailed on every side by the soldiers of Christ, that her gross and heathen ignorance must yield to the light that shines from Heaven, thro' the pages of eternal Truth.

Do not even the few facts here referred to, among numberless others of the same character, which might be adduced, suggest to every one who professes to believe the Bible to contain the only sure guide to immortal life, the only effectual remedy for the maladies of the soul,—high and holy motives to contribute to their utmost with cheerfulness and gratitude to the success of the Institution, the sacred objects of which we are now met to advocate and promote?

Little indeed has yet been accomplished, notwithstanding the millions of copies of the scriptures, that have been distributed by Bible Societies, compared with what still remains undone.—Few of the strong holds of darkness have yet been demolished, or of the degraded family of man, yet reclaimed from the thralldom of sin and satan, compared with the myriads that still continue sunk in superstition, ignorance and Idolatry.

Where then is the object, that in its affecting appeals to the best and holiest sympathies of our nature, in the moral grandeur of its results to the whole race of