

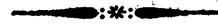
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THE great exertions now making to disseminate the truths of the Gospel, are sufficient to awaken the most careless and indifferent to a sense of their importance; and when they perceive the great anxiety manifested by their friends and neighbours to send the religion of Jesus to the Heathen, many will be roused from the lethargy that binds them, and think of the state of their own souls. Hence the labour of diffusing a knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ among Heathen nations, is attended with the happiest effects at home, by raising the curiosity of the lukewarm and nominal Christians, and obliging them to reflect upon their unhappy situation. To witness this zeal and activity, in spreading Gospel light among nations which have never yet heard its glad tidings, brings the matter indirectly home to the bosom of every individual; and when it is remembered, that most of the evils which deform society, proceed from the coldness of Christians respecting the principal doctrines of their religion, the peculiar grounds of their faith, their hopes, and their fears, every attempt to give them new strength and vigour, deserves the most cordial encouragement.

It is readily admitted, that the truths of the Gospel are apt to give umbrage to natural reason, and to humble the pride of man; but the doctrine of the fall and general cor-