

minations an astonishing apathy about religion. There was little or no communication among Christians of different nations, nor any desire to become acquainted with each other; but no sooner was the Bible Society established, than all denominations perceived in it a foundation laid for the growth of Christian love and fellowship, without compromising their particular opinions. Accordingly mutual intercourse has sprung up and a spirit of harmony and conciliation has uniformly directed all their communications—And the friends of the Bible have found an ample requital for all their exertions in disseminating it, in those feelings of affection and attachment which the principles of the association and its simple but magnificent design, are so well calculated to foster and increase.

“Amidst the rancour of war and the most bloody commotions, the friends of the Bible never forgot the principles it inculcates, but endeavoured to inspire a better spirit. I hold in my hand a specimen of this conciliatory spirit, which will gradually triumph over all those wicked and violent passions which raise up nation against nation, in a report of the American Bible Society, sent to be communicated to this association. It is most gratifying to learn by this communication, that our neighbours are proceeding with such energy in emulating the Parent Society. Already have they distributed upwards of ninety thousand Bibles and New Testaments; nor is it less grateful to behold their warmth and affectionate acknowledgements to the British and Foreign Bible Society, which they style, with great truth, their venerable Parent, and express their joy that it proceeds with unrelaxed exertions and undiminished means in its illustrious career; acknowledging their utter inability to exhibit any thing like an adequate representation of the share which it is taking in the great work of disseminating the Holy Scriptures. May we not rationally hope, that the spirit of Christian love which dictated this eulogy, will prevail in both nations till their mutual heats and jealousies shall have disappeared? May we not farther hope that the intimate connection between the members of the Bible Societies of different nations, will engender a spirit of affection through them all, and become the rapidly spreading commencement of that blessed æra, when peace shall universally prevail?

“Another great advantage arising from the exertions of the British and Foreign Bible Society is, that of translating the Scriptures into all languages. This could not have