

unpleasant news to their Subscribers. They had hoped, when commencing their labours, although entering upon an untried scene of exertion in this place, that they would have been instrumental in laying the foundation for a superstructure, commensurate with the great and benevolent aim they had in view; and this hoped-for consummation of their wishes, they do not yet relinquish: they hope still to have it in their power to effect this important object, although for a time, they are obliged to resort to a temporary abandonment of their labours, as far as it regards the publication of the Paper. Steps however are taking, to remedy the evils under which, the association have laboured; and if prospered in their exertions, they will recommence the publication of the *Register* in the Spring. They would, in the mean time, humbly hope, that their exertions thus far, have not been entirely useless. If to the devout, meek, and humble follower of Jesus, they have lent a more cheering colouring to the cause, in which he is engaged, and by which means, have given him a spur to the better performance of those duties incumbent upon him; or if, to the man of the world, any obstacles to his right comprehension of the great and leading truths of the Gospel have been removed; or an interest excited in favour of that redeeming spirit, which has gone forth "conquering and to conquer;" if any of these important objects have been accomplished, they will feel themselves abundantly compensated. And yet, it is humiliating to that just and generous pride, which instigates to good works; and it is truly lamentable, that that Engine, which has been raised up in these Provinces for the dissemination of religious intelligence—for laying open to the eyes of the religious public, whatever can cheer and animate to exertion; whatever can create and elevate de-

votional feeling; or warm and cherish the kindlier feelings of benevolence and humanity; or rouse to energy those faculties of moral worth, which so eminently enrich and ennoble our species—how lamentable is it we say, that that Engine should be allowed to remain dormant; and in a land too, where not another Press now exists to publish forth the doctrines of the Gospel, or to disseminate the glad tidings of a Redeemer, to lost and perishing man. How imperiously does the situation of the Christian public in these Provinces, call for the permanent establishment of a Press devoted to their interests—through whose instrumentality, they can hope to see the cause of their Redeemer espoused; his great and glorious doctrines made known; those sublime and heavenly precepts which he, while in the humiliating state of incarnation, condescended to proclaim to the lost sheep of Israel. These are objects the nearest and dearest to the truly penitent and believing Christian; such as he would contend for to the latest breath; and such as he would most heartily wish promulgated to earth's utmost bound—such indeed, in a word, as he would that all might accept, acknowledge, and follow. And where then, in the spirit of that economy, which has led to the adoption of a Creed, correlative with the very existence of our species, can there be found means, by which, to spread the everlasting truths of the Gospel, more efficient, than the Press. We hope we do not err, in entering with some what of warmth upon a subject, in which our best feelings are interested: and we likewise do hope, that the subject of the permanent establishment of a Press in these Provinces, for the dissemination of religious intelligence, is one of deep interest to the great body of the reading public; and that the time is not far distant, when we can congratulate ourselves upon the accomplishment of this most desirable object—till then, we will bid our