

## MISSIONARY EXERTION.

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"They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars for ever and ever."—DAN. 12:3.

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SELF is the grand idol of the natural man. The most splendid edifices have been reared and consecrated as Temples to perpetuate its honour; the varied riches of creation have been collected for the maintenance of its worship, and presented as offerings at its shrine; and its usurped supremacy has been confirmed and extended by the talent and devotion of every age of the world, and every people upon earth.

This unblushing, and in his own estimation, self-appointed Deity, is, after all, only a nominal Sovereign—a tool in the hands of the bold usurper who madly and unsuccessfully aimed at the dethronement of the Almighty—a sort of tenant-at-will who owes his elevation to necessitous expediency—a miserable fool that sacrifices his honour—his reason—his conscience—his interest, and every thing sacred and valuable upon the altar of his vanity-stricken imaginings. It is true that he is trumpeted forth as a Monarch of the highest class, but he is the vilest Slave of the lowest order; upon his shoulders float the robes and decorations of Royalty, but beneath