

observe, that the island of Ceylon in particular, which has lately been placed under the Bishop's jurisdiction, would alone supply ample employment for the immediate exertions of the Society.

“In this island one-third of the population is said to be nominally Christian, though their faith is imperfect, and debased by gross superstitions; and the Pagan inhabitants are happily exempt from those artificial prejudices which still continue to retard the progress of Christianity in Hindostan.

“For the means of accomplishing these important designs, the Society must have recourse to the liberality of such pious and well disposed persons as are zealous for the propagation of the Christian Faith in its purest form. To divert its present revenues from the purposes to which they have been so long and so usefully appropriated, and are in a manner pledged, would be not only inexpedient, but unjustifiable. But with such objects in view, an appeal is made without hesitation to the public, in the fullest assurance that the spirit of piety, which in the beginning created, and has hitherto sustained the Society, will be exerted with equal effect in promoting the enlargement and extension of its plans.”

Notwithstanding the great and persevering exertions of these two Societies, which have not only sent, for more than a century, the Bible to instruct the ignorant, but teachers also, to publish its sacred contents, the Church of England has been accused of coldness and indifference to Missionary exertions. And, with an affected friendship, her enemies have pretended to lament that such a stigma could with justice be affixed to her, which sullies that reputation which she has acquired in the Christian world.—It is an extraordinary fact, that while the journals of all denominations blazon forth other religious Societies, and give long details of their meetings and exertions, they are studiously silent respecting the anniversaries of the Societies for promoting Christian knowledge and propagating the Gospel. Thousands of well-meaning persons, ignorant of their existence, join in accusing the Church of England of criminal apathy in regard to propagating the Faith; and while they are forced to allow, that in all other Charities she mightily abounds, yet, in this department, they believe that she has been unaccountably deficient. How different would their opinions and sentiments be were they informed