

fact? To argument upon the subject, I paid every possible attention: to pretend to say that I, or any man, could have read with deep attention, every publication that has appeared upon the subject, would be absurd; but this I can truly say, that I have read with the best attention in my power, every publication that has materially attracted the notice of the public. I have read every statement of facts on both sides of the question, which was represented to me as worth reading, and the deliberate result of that investigation, has been, a confirmation of the opinion which first struck me, that, so far from any danger existing to the Establishment of which I am a member, the union of that Church with the Society, only adds to its credit, its dignity, and its usefulness, and therefore cannot but add to its strength.

*At the Fifteenth Anniversary, (May 5, 1819,) His Royal Highness the DUKE OF GLOUCESTER, on moving thanks to the President, thus spoke:*

I rise to propose a Motion to you, which, I am convinced, will be agreed to without one dissentient voice. I feel double satisfaction in having this opportunity of bearing my tribute to the merits and exertions of our noble Chairman, and of expressing that anxious and sincere interest that I must ever feel in the prosperity of this Institution. Gentlemen, from its earliest foundation, I have been one of its warmest and sincerest friends. Its object is to obey the orders of our Saviour, in circulating the doctrines of the Christian religion throughout the world; to enlighten those who are born under the shadow of death; who have not had the means of being instructed in that knowledge which is alone our support and comfort in this world, and upon which alone we found our future hopes. Gentlemen, allow me to congratulate you upon the success that has attended your endeavours. The Bible has now been printed, or is preparing to be printed, in nearly seventy languages: in Russia alone, in twenty-six. Almost every Sovereign in Europe has protected your Society, and from almost every quarter you receive a favourable account of its proceedings. Gentlemen, in a good cause there can be no doubt of success. It is unnecessary for me to urge you to prosecute your endeavours. There can be no doubt but every year will present you with a more favourable Report. Gentlemen, allow me to repeat how warm and sincere a friend I am to this Institution, and to express a hope that your exertions will not barely be continued, but, if possible, be increased. Every one knows that the Motion I hold in my hand relates to our noble President. In his presence I cannot say all that I could wish. I shall, therefore, merely read it to you.