

"struct your Indians in the Christian religion; "I will not say but it may induce some to "return to their native country. I wish it "had been done sooner, that you had had "Ministers to instruct your Indians in the "Christian faith, I doubt whether any of us "had deserted our native country: but I "must say, I am solely beholden to the "French of Canada, for the light I received "to know there was a Saviour born for man- "kind; and now we are taught God is every "where, and we can be instructed at Canada, "Dowagabae, or the uttermost parts of the "earth, as well as here."

And in a later conference with the Lord Cornbury, those five Sachems or Kings of the Iroquois, promised him at Albany, "obedience to the faith of Christ," told him, they were "glad to hear the sun shined in England since King William's death;" admired at first that we should have a "Squa Sachem;" viz. a woman king, but they "hoped She "would be a good mother, and send them "some to teach them religion, as well as "traffick;" then sent some of their country presents to Her Majesty, signed the treaty, and "made the covenant so sure, that thunder and lightning should not break it on their parts."

Nor has the Society turned their thoughts only on the Indians in the northern parts of the English dominions, but have sent also one Missionary for the service of the Yconancee Indians to the south of Carolina, who having been lately engaged in a war with the Spaniards, and every day in danger of an invasion from them, were not in a condition to receive instruction, nor was it thought fit by the Governors to trust him yet amongst them, but as soon as 'tis practicable to treat with them, there are assurances he shall leave the neighbourhood, where he is instructing many souls as much neglected as the former, the Negroes of Goosetree.

2. The Society has not only had a regard to Infidels, but, as becometh Christians, has taken care of its own country-men, in sending Ministers with good allowances to the several parts along the continent of North America, where they were most wanted, and the harvest is ripe for such labourers, who will faithfully resist and oppose the progress of Atheism, Infidelity, Quakerism, Antinomianism, ignorance, and immorality, which have hitherto fatally overspread those infant Churches.

3. They have made suitable provision also for some of the islands, those too much neglected parts of Her Majesty's territories, by a supply of two Ministers, without any charge to the people, and have otherwise sup-

ported eight more in the islands, and on the continent in such manner as has been requested.

4. That the Factories mention'd in the Charter might not be altogether insensible of its concern for them, there has been a Settlement compass'd for a congregation at Amsterdam, with the consent of the Magistrates of the place; and since encouragement given to the promising beginnings of a Church at Moscow, of which the Czar himself has laid the foundation by bestowing as much ground as shall be desired for that use upon the English merchants.

All this the Society hath done upon the bare Annual Fund of about 300*l.* per ann. with the accession of only 1700*l.* occasionally subscribed: the amounts of which together do hardly answer the demands of the present Missionaries and Ministers, &c. abroad, with the incidental charges of the Corporation at home: therefore,

II. What the Society has still before them to do in this important business, calls for more than ordinary Benefactions from without, whilst the yearly Subscriptions of the incorporated Members falls short of 1000*l.* per ann. and that voluntary too. A slender bottom, upon which to begin the conversion of the Indians mention'd, to build them up in our most holy faith, and to provide Ministers, Catechists, Schoolmasters, Libraries, Churches, &c. for a continent well peopled under several Governments 1200 miles in length upon the sea-coast, as well as for the islands of Newfoundland, Bermudas, Jamaica, the Bahama, and Caribbees; in some of which there is yet no provision of Ministers, or of any support for them, and in all the others much fewer than the publick service of God, and the instruction of the people doth usually require: which prospect, should it be enlarg'd by a view of the future care that is to be had of the remaining Factories and places to which we trade in Asia, Africa, and Europe it self, where they live as it were without God in the world, to the great reproach of the Christian religion, except at Hamborough, Lisbon, Smyrna, Aleppo, Constantinople, Port St. George, Surat, &c. which are well supplied by our worthy Merchants that trade or live there; what an invitation is hereby given to the liberality of all well disposed Christians to whom God has given more than a competency, with the unspeakable blessing of hearts graciously disposed to employ the surplusage to His honour and glory?

Since then this great work of maintaining the Christian religion and propagating the