

the Society, with reference to the best means to be pursued in the progress of the work.

Barbados. In Barbados, Mr. Edward Willey is appointed Lay correspondent with the Society; and communications also pass with the Attorney-General for the Island, upon the subject of a certain sum of money, which had been left some years before for a charitable object, and was not yet appropriated.

Virginia. Virginia, in the person of her Governor, Nicholson, claims also the attention of the Society, and a resolution is passed, August 15, 1700, acknowledging 'his great services in the propagating Christian knowledge in the Plantation,' and appointing him 'a correspondent for the province.' The excellencies, as well as the defects, of Nicholson's character have already been presented to the reader's notice¹⁸; and, since it is probable that the zeal and generosity so long manifested by him in promoting the interests of the Colonial Church were likely to be better known by the majority of his countrymen at home, than those defects of temper which made him obnoxious to the jealousy of the people whom he had to govern in a distant province, it was to be expected that the Society would avail themselves of the earliest opportunity to express their sense of his valuable services. Three months afterwards, its members prepared, upon the suggestion of Dr. Woodward, some religious small tracts, in the French language, for distribution among the Huguenot refugees who were still seeking an asylum in Virginia; and thus renewed, to that persecuted race, in their continued hour of need, the same offices of sympathy and kindness, which had now been,

¹⁸ See p. 403, *ante*.