

by the last accounts we have reason to believe, that as our Brethren learn the language, those poor Indians will reap the blessings of the Gospel. Of the six who went the first time to these Islands, two departed this life very soon.

Some Brethren have also gone to Ceylon at two different times, to try, if possible, to bring the Gospel among the Cyngalese; but they could not obtain their aim, though their abode there was not entirely without fruit.

In the year 1747 two Brethren went to Persia, with the view of finding the followers of the ancient Magi or Gauri; but they could not obtain their aim, on account of the troubles of the war, which raged there at that time.

The Empress of Russia having granted the Brethren some land in the Kingdom of Astracan, on the banks of the Wolga, a Colony is now established there, and we are not without good hopes, that God will bless and enable them to bring the Gospel among the Heathen who are on the borders of that country, and who already shew a particular affection for them.

Thus in Asia a beginning is made, and we cannot but hope, that our Lord, who has opened the door, will grant us to see the same happy effects as are evident in so many other places.

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