

To the successful labours of this Society, the conversion of the Indian Tribes that profess Christianity, and the number of Episcopal Churches still subsisting in the United States, must, in a great measure, be attributed. The Clergymen and School-masters or Catechists employed are upwards of one hundred, the greater part of which, reside in the British Colonies of North America. In a very modest appeal lately made to the public by this Society, it is said that the revenues at the present moment are almost wholly expended in contributing to the erection of Churches and Schools, and providing a regular supply of Ministers, Catechists, and School-masters, with competent stipends, who are subjected to the controul and authority of their respective Bishops; nor is it too much to assert, that without such assistance from the Society, many large and populous Districts of these extensive countries, would be deprived of the light of religion, or at least of the benefits of a ministry, in the administration of the sacraments and regular public worship. "The extension of the British dominions in the East, has since opened to Christian zeal a new scene of exertion, to which the attention of the country has been for some time anxiously turned. A variety of circumstances, however, continued to suggest to the Society, the necessity of caution, and the expediency of waiting for some favourable conjunction, which might enable them to concert their resources with effect, and begin their operations with reasonable assurance of success. The time they trust is arrived.

"The appointment of a Bishop at *Calcutta* has supplied an adviser of no less discretion than zeal, to direct the Society's proceedings at the outset, to point out safe and unexceptionable modes of acting, to suggest proper rules and directions. and, finally, to assist by his authority in the controul and regulation of their Missions. Their first measure has accordingly been to offer their co-operation to the Bishop in the execution of such plans, as, in concurrence with the governing authorities in India, his Lordship may be inclined to recommend; and to place at his disposal a sum of money, in order to enable him to avail himself of any opportunities of furthering the objects of the Society, without the loss of time which must necessarily be incurred by previous communication with Europe. Some time, it is obvious, will elapse before an answer can be received to this application. It may be sufficient, in the mean while, to