

by man. Its motive is so pure, its object so great, and the plan so well calculated (under God) to accomplish the great event of general illumination, that it must attract your attention; and we wish it may excite a spirit of benevolence in the heart of every lover of the Lord Jesus to contribute freely in aid of this Godlike institution. "When one considers the present situation of the great bulk of mankind, whose heart does not burn within him, to contribute something towards 'Evangelizing the nations? The inhabitants of the world are said to amount, at this time, to about 731 millions; of whom 420 millions are said to be Pagans, 130 millions Mahometans, 100 millions Catholics, 44 millions Protestants, 30 millions of the Greek and Armenian Churches; and 7 millions Jews. The Rev. Mr. Carey, late of Leicester old England, but now a missionary in India says much more, 'Mr. Guthrie, much more still.'"

But when we consider that more than one half of this immense population are Pagans, nearly one fourth Mahometans, and about one eighth Roman Catholics, and the small number of Protestants in comparison with the whole, you will not hesitate a moment, in concluding with us, that this is a favorable time to show our zeal for God, in diffusing the light of Divine Revelation to the many millions destitute of it, through the medium of the Bible Society; as this is the very object the Society has in view by translating the Scriptures into the various languages of the earth; it has actually translated them into fifty different languages, and is proceeding as fast as means are afforded to send the Bible to every nation under heaven. So that all the poor, benighted Heathens, Mahometans, Roman Catholics, Jews, and miserably deceived (professed) Protestants may all have the word of eternal life in their own language; and it is a rule with the society that the scriptures are to be sent without note or comment, that the poor and the ignorant who may be blessed with this invaluable donation may not be puzzled with the distinguishing tenets of any sectaries whatever, but read the language of heaven without any mixture of the doctrines of men.

Dear Brethren, we have given you a few hints of what is transpiring in the kingdom of Providence, particularly respecting our own highly favored Nation and the blessings bestowed upon it, that it should be honored with such a society as the British and Foreign Bible Society. But we feel desirous to