

delity; and that also for want of Learned and Orthodox Ministers to instruct others of His Subjects in the Principles of true Religion, divers Romish Priests and Jesuits were the more encouraged to pervert and draw them over to Popish Superstition and Idolatry, But He immediately Erected a Society or Corporation, consisting of many eminent Personages in Church and State, as well as of a considerable Number of others of almost all Ranks and Professions, to carry on so glorious a Design; at the Head of whom appear our Metropolitans of both Provinces, The most Reverend Fathers in God, *Thomas* Lord Archbishop of *Canterbury*, and *John* Lord Archbishop of *York*; with the Right Reverend Father in God, *Henry* Lord Bishop of *London* to whole Jurisdiction most of those Places do belong.

The Society thus constituted, after adjusting Preliminaries, as the Choice of Officers, such were the *President*, *Vice-Presidents*, *Treasurers*, *Auditors*, *Secretary*, &c. Appointment of *Deputies* in the Counties to take Subscriptions, settling of *By-Laws* and *Orders* for their more regular proceeding in a Matter of such Consequence; and Admission of *New-Members*, (asthey were empower'd by the Charter, to call in such to their Assistance from time to time, who might appear useful Men) Applied it self diligently to the great Work in Hand, which had soon fallen to the Ground thro' the lamented *Decease* of its Founder, had not the good Providence of God bless'd us, with an equal Successor to the important Affairs of Religion as well as State, our Gracious *QUEEN ANNE*, who upon an Address for her Protection from the whole Body of the Corporation, was pleas'd, in the most favourable manner, to express Her self thus.

*I shall be always ready to do my Part towards Promoting and Encouraging so good a Work.*

The Society being thus Encouraged by the Assurances of Her Majesty's Royal Favour, (who had beforehand declared Her Approbation of what they are now doing, by Her *Princely Munificence*, when the Affair was in private Hands only;) The Work has gone on ever since, by God's Blessing, with greater Success than could reasonably be expected; *Correspondences* are very far carried on abroad, *Deputations* settled at home; many *Subscriptions* made, several *Benefactions* brought in, and divers *prudential Ways* and *Means* taking for the *Conversion of Indians*, and settling the State of Religion in Her Majesty's Foreign Dominions; By supplying with able and good Ministers the Natives as well as *English*; appointing Catechists, and Schoolmasters for the Slaves, with other ignorant Persons; and sending over select Libraries for the Improvement of the Clergy, as well as practical Treatises for the Edification of the Laity.

And at the same time, it has pleas'd God to raise a Spirit of Zeal in many of the Plantations, for Promoting this great and good Work, thro' the indefatigable Application of resident Ministers and itinerant Missionaries, Mr. *George Keith* in particular, who, by the Successes with which God has been pleas'd to bless his Endeavours, thro' the Course of his Mission amongst the *Americans*, has brought great Comfort to the Church, by adding many to it.

What has been done as to the several Particulars mentioned, appears from the View annex'd, extracted from the *Journals*, *Memorials*, and *Letters* of the Society; whence may be easily gather'd how the Society has endeavour'd to answer the great Trust reposed in them to the Satisfaction of unprejudiced Persons.