

rious efforts to rouse them from their indifference and win them back to Christ; and even the most profligate may be made to tremble for the salvation of their souls, and be brought to see the evil of their ways, and to turn unto the Lord and live. Another portion recently come into the Province, will soon lose their religious principles if deprived of its public ordinances. Hence we have an immediate interest in Missionary labours for the peace and prosperity of the country; our consolation through life, and our happiness hereafter depend essentially upon their success. But important as our interests are to ourselves individually, we are but as a speck compared to the world which is the great field of Missionary exertions; and in every quarter of it some one or other of the Societies recently established have labourers who feel for the miserable state of the Heathen, and are eager to carry them those glad tidings of great joy that cheer our days and bless our nights.

The parent of all Protestant Missionary Societies is that for promoting Christian knowledge generally throughout the world, established in London in 1699, by a few individuals of elevated station and eminent piety, both among the clergy and laity. As a full account of this Society has already been given in this Journal, we shall confine ourselves to a short notice of its present situation. It very early became a Missionary Society, by taking the Mission at Tranquebar under its protection, which has been gradually extended to all the principal posts in India. The great exertions of the Society in this populous country, and the success that has crowned them, is not generally known; but the names of the Apostolical Swartz and Gericke are pronounced to this day in India with blessings and praise. Indeed the Missionaries selected by the Society have equalled the most sanguine expectations: entirely devoted to the cause, tempering their zeal with moderation, they have promoted the views of the institution with a wisdom which was evidently sanctified from above. It is pleasing to remark, that the unassuming excellence of this Society, and its claims to public support, which it hath always presented with the greatest modesty, begin to be appreciated, and its funds have been gradually augmented, till they form an aggregate of receipt and expenditure, truly satisfactory to the friends of Christianity. The objects of the Society are various, besides the care of its East India Missions; it promotes the education of youth in the principles of the Chris-