

the third semi-centennial Jubilee of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, a Society whose zeal and illustrious deeds of charity exerted for the salvation of "the daughter of their people" and the world at large, is no insignificant sign of that future event, of which it now behooves us with joyful expectation, to contemplate the coming. Hence the celebration of this Jubilee is singularly suitable to the day; and in dwelling upon the magnitude of the operations of this Society and the excellence of its plan, we shall behold a powerful agency serving to bring on the period of the second advent of Christ; we may see cause to rejoice in it, as an encouragement and confirmation of our hopes, we may see that not only is there no present chasm in the advancement of Christ's Kingdom, but that it is hastening on, and that the number of His elect is even now being accomplished, so that for us with all those that are departed in the true faith of Christ's holy name, the time is flying quickly towards that *perfect* consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, which we shall have, we trust, in Christ's eternal and everlasting glory.

Let us then advert, in the first place, to the zealous exertions of this Society for the advancement of its design—the Propagation of the Gospel; and in the second place, to the excellent nature of its plan.

The Venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel was first formally established by charter, in the year of our Lord, 1701, 150 years ago, and is the oldest Missionary Society, it is said, of the Reformed Church.