

Rev. xvi. 12: it is to "dry up the waters" of the great Atlantic ocean, and make Christians, in Europe, as well acquainted with the state of the Christian profession throughout the American continent, as they can be with what is going forward in their own country. This has long appeared a *desideratum* to many besides himself; and he hopes to gratify them in this particular, by the communication of authentic intelligence on that interesting topic, from month to month, through the medium of his pages, which will be *chiefly* devoted to that object. This information will be the result of a correspondence which through the leadings of a kind and gracious Providence, he has been enabled to open with some of the most eminent literary characters in the United States, who have pledged themselves to transmit him, from time to time, answers to his various inquiries, and of which the present number will furnish a specimen.

Such, then, being the design of the MILLENNIAL HARBINGER, can it be presumptuous in the Editor to indulge a hope, that, small and unpretending as it is, when compared with many others, it may, nevertheless, under the favour, protection, and blessing of the King of Zion, be the humble instrument of exciting the friends of primitive Christianity to more vigorous exertions in promoting the advancement of their Redeemer's kingdom in our own country—stirring them up to more energetic and importunate prayer for its increase; and calling forth their gratitude, praise, and thanksgivings to the God of heaven for its rapid progress in distant lands.

After this explanation, the Editor has only to make his appeal to the churches of Christ, in England and Scotland, as respects the object he has in view. If they approve it, and, from a careful perusal of the first number, think the publication deserving of encouragement, he hopes they will not sit quietly down with folded arms and see him struggling with difficulties to keep his little bark from sinking; but, on the contrary, bestir themselves actively to promote and extend its circulation to the utmost of their power.

INTRODUCTORY OBSERVATIONS.

THE United States of North America, once a colony of Great Britain, have of late years become an object of much and growing interest to the countries on this side the Atlantic. The eagerness with which, year after year, the people of Europe, and more especially the inhabitants of the British Islands, derive information respecting them, requires no stronger proof than is afforded by the multiplicity of books of travels in that country, which are continually issuing from the London press, and all of them finding readers. It would be easy to enumerate, at least a dozen, perhaps a score, of publications on this particular subject, which have made their appearance within the last three years, all of which have been popular, and chiefly so from the interest taken in the subject of which they treat. In the present melancholy state of the continent of Europe, where despotism