

going forward it must ameliorate the condition of mankind. I conclude, then, the authority of some great names notwithstanding, that we may hopefully look to Bible circulation, as a means of national conservation ; I conclude that if we seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, *all* these things *shall* be added unto us. And if so, how grand the object to which Patriotism and Piety may, and should aspire ! It is nobler than that which fired the heart of Alexander. At the tomb of Achilles, he envied the fortune of the hero whose deeds were immortalized in Mæonian song ; but to us it is given, to make a perpetuated Empire the monumental record of our works of faith, and labours of love ; an Empire whose destructive doom the recording angel shall never register ; and the story of whose Decline and Fall, the muse of History shall never trace upon the scroll of Time ; an Empire which, in a good old age, its energies unspent, and its natural force unabated, shall hear the voice of the descending Saviour recognize its work, and pronounce its reward ; and of which it shall be told in the court of Heaven :—This is that Empire that founded by the nation to which was committed the *second* keeping of the sacred oracles, in trust for mankind, saved itself by gratefully submitting to their teaching, and blessed the world by their propagation.