

be expected as in more auspicious circumstances. This they are led to state, not from any *past* experience of such effects, but from a wish to prepare the friends of the Institution for the *worst* that may happen—not with a view to paralyse the efforts of the Society, but with an ardent desire to keep alive that fervour and zeal which may be apt to languish in consequence of those discouragements which are inseparable from the circumstances of the times. At the same time they would deem themselves inexcusable were they not to advert to the encouragement which the aspect of the *political* world presents, in aid of Christian efforts. Nor can they dwell with any other feelings than those of astonishment and gratitude, on that train of unexpected and wonderful events, by which the career of tyranny has been arrested, and universal peace restored to an agitated world. They fondly hope, that the internal commotions of the Parent State will speedily subside,—that ere long her peace and safety will be seen standing on a surer basis than the rigour of the law, and her prosperity derived from the only true and certain source, the moral character of her people, and the blessing of her God. They hail the auspicious æra when the citizen of the south and the furred inhabitant of the arctic regions, shall be admitted together as fellow-citizens of the household of God; and the world which has long been torn by faction, caprice, and cruelty, shall become the blest abode of purity and of peace.