

Since that time, the Church Missionary Society; the Baptist Mission, whose labours in translating the Scriptures have been so useful; the Methodist Mission; and the General Mission, including all denominations, have been established, and are supported with an increasing zeal. But there appeared still to be wanting some Society, which, adopting a single principle in which all could concur, would be enabled to unite all denominations together, and to direct their combined efforts to the extension of the Gospel. Such a Society arose in 1804, for the sole purpose of disseminating the Scriptures, and has proceeded with unprecedented success. The period of its formation appears portentous; it was while the baneful terrors of war spread misery and dismay over Europe, that this Society commenced its labours of love. It softened the horrors of war; it sent out tidings of peace and good will among the contending nations—tidings which speak comfort to the afflicted soul. All the nations of the earth partake of its extensive benevolence—the Hindoo, the Tartar, the Mohawk, the Laplander, the inhabitants of Iceland, Greenland, and Siberia, of Labrador and China, have received the Revelations of God, in their several languages. It has infused new vigour into all the other religious institutions; dissipated the languor with which some of them began to be enveloped; and, showing them how much good might be done, it has called forth their emulation, and extorted from its enemies reluctant praise.

The fame of the British and Foreign Bible Society extends from the Nile to the Ganges—from the Niger to the Euphrates—from the Thames to the Mississippi:—all Christian nations have caught the holy flame, and the accomplishment