

the same object in view, was speedily witnessed in various great towns throughout the United States. Even amid the wilds of Africa, this Society is now scattering the seeds of knowledge, of virtue, and of happiness.

But the field is too extensive to be travelled over in one Report, and therefore your Committee must rest satisfied with having given this very general account of the principles, plan, and operations of that Society to which yours is a professed Auxiliary, as an introduction to the statement now to be given of the proceedings of your infant Establishment.

It is not a little remarkable that, previous to the month of May 1819, nothing had been done in this Province with a view to aid the exertions of the British and Foreign Bible Society. The neighbouring Provinces had taken an honourable share in the glorious cause, and it is gratifying to learn that they continue to labour with assiduity and success. But to the praise of this City be it recorded, that no sooner was a Meeting publicly called for the purpose of organizing an Auxiliary Bible Society, than a general interest was excited, and an attendance given, equally numerous and respectable. At the first general Meeting which was held in the large Room of the Coffee House on May 20th 1819, the principles and object of the proposed Institution having been stated, a President was unanimously elected, and took the Chair accordingly. Vice Presidents and