

in return; nor did they exhort to good works because the happiest effects would always crown their endeavours; but they were commanded to do good without regard to the results. It is the will of God, he commands, and it is our duty to obey.

To disseminate the Gospel is a branch of Christian benevolence, and, as far as lies in our power, we are bound to give our assistance cheerfully, without any regard to the consequences. "Love thy neighbour as thyself," saith our Redeemer, not because he will love us in return, for we know that this does not always follow, nor that he will be more happy; for neither is this at all times the consequence; but we love him for the sake of Christ, who loved us, and of our gracious Creator, whose offspring we all are, and who commands us to love one another. Our motive for the performance of every duty, ought to be the will of God, and the certain result will be our happiness here and hereafter. In applying this to the propagation of Christianity, we are to do our utmost for the love of God, in obedience to his will, whether success attend our exertions or not. This should be the rock on which we ought to stand, and if it please God to bless our labours, our joy will greatly increase; but if otherwise, we shall not be dismayed, but feel much comfort in the consciousness of having done our duty.

These remarks are not foreign to a general review of the various Missionary Societies, at present exerting themselves to extend the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, which we purpose in this and some following numbers. We shall not only detail the present state of these Societies, but likewise, examine the difficulties and facilities which offer themselves in the fields of Missionary labours which they have chosen, so that the current intelligence derived from the Missionaries of each, will in future be clearly understood by our readers. To Christians, this subject must be highly interesting, at a period when exertions of astonishing vigour are making to bring back the stray sheep to the fold, when every thing portends a general movement of the Church upon earth.

Every person, acquainted with the spirit of Christianity, must admit, that the establishment of Missions may do much good, especially in a country like this, for example, in which one portion of the population have, in a great degree, lost all sense of religion, and require the most stre-