

The Preface.

Short Accounts of the Society's Proceedings, have been Annually printed; but as these could give the Reader but a very imperfect Idea of the whole Progress in this Work, it hath been now thought convenient to give a general View of the Society's Labours; because so great and so religious a Design, seemed only to want its being better understood, in order to its being more encouraged.

The End proposed is of the highest Importance; the Propagation of the Christian Faith, and the Salvation of Mens Souls. And the serious Reader must be much affected with the Endeavours of the Society, towards planting Religion and Virtue, and the due ordering the Life and Manners of a numerous People spread over exceeding large Countries: especially, when it is remembered, that the Principles implanted in the present People, will influence future Generations; and tho' the present Age is greatly indebted to this Society, their Posterity will be exceedingly more so.

It is hoped the Reader, upon perusing the following Papers, will find Cause to be much pleased with the un-