

men, showing us the state of sin and guilt in which all by nature are, and the universal need of redemption, revealing the way of salvation through the mediation of the Lord, Jesus Christ, warning us against impenitence and unbelief, and promising the rich blessings of forgiveness and life everlasting to all who will turn from their sins and accept of the overtures of mercy. It is truly "a light shining in a dark place," like continuous lightning flashes to a man walking along the edge of a frightful precipice on a dark night. It is adapted to the people of all nations—to the most illiterate and degraded as well as to the learned and the respectable. It is a great lever to elevate humanity and effect a glorious emancipation. It smites sin in every form. It touches man's whole life—intellectual, moral, spiritual, social, domestic, political. It is like the sun "whose going forth is from the end of the heaven, and its circuit unto the ends of it; and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof." Infidels who are opposing it are only kicking away the ladder by which they have reached their place of knowledge and advantage.

2. The unflagging zeal with which the Society and its agents carry on the work of furthering its grand object. As the abstract of the report of the Society says, its policy "may be called imperial—it cannot pause, it cannot retreat, it cannot delimit its frontiers; the greatness of its plan and of its duty will not allow it to rest. It already possesses the great national tongues, but there are hundreds of others. It must annex new languages as the great powers annex countries." It does not stop to answer infidel objections, or to reply to the so-called higher critics who are cutting and carving the Word of God to pieces. It just goes on with its work, as heedless of the assaults of enemies as a steam engine with a train of cars moves on

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