

God. She curtailed her expenditure and reduced her domestic establishment that she might build chapels for the poor. She gave up her liveried servants and costly carriage, and sold her jewels that she might have money for charitable purposes. In London, Bristol, and Dublin, she purchased public halls and dilapidated chapels and theatres, that the Gospel might be preached to the perishing masses. Many new chapels were also erected by her liberal aid in England, Ireland, and especially in the principality of Wales. In these philanthropic labours she expended not less than half a million of dollars—a sum relatively much larger a hundred years ago than it is to-day.

The practical heathenism of a large portion of Great Britain, notwithstanding the vast organization and immense revenues of the Established Church, appealed strongly to her Christian sympathy. She devised a comprehensive plan for the evangelization of the kingdom. With a shrewd practical method she divided all England into six districts, to be systematically visited by travelling "canvassers," as she called them, who were zealously to preach the Gospel in every village, town, and hamlet in the country. With her were associated in these pious labours some of the most learned and devout Evangelical clergymen and Dissenting ministers in the kingdom; such as Venn, Madan, Shirley, Romaine, Toplady, Dr. Conyers, Berridge, Howell Harris, Fletcher, Benson, Whitefield, the Wesleys, and many others.

With certain like-minded noble ladies, she made tours through many parts of England and Wales, accompanied by eminent evangelists, who everywhere preached the Gospel to attentive multitudes. Where they had opportunity, they preached in the parish churches, or in Wesleyan, or Dissenting chapels. Indeed, some of the evangelists were parish clergymen and had churches of their own; but frequently the churches were closed against the itinerants, in which cases they preached in the churchyards, on the highways, or in the fields. Public worship was held twice a day, sometimes for several weeks in succession. Under the burning words of Whitefield all Yorkshire and the neighbouring counties were kindled to a flame; then pressing on to Scotland, or over seas to America, he left to his fellow-workers the task of