

fits arising from these societies, ought to animate us to assist an institution so benevolent. Let no one imagine himself to be unworthy of the notice of his Creator. Every one has his sphere of action allotted him. Every one has his talent committed to him, which he is commanded to improve, by being useful in the world, by promoting virtue, peace and charity; but above all, by promoting the religion of CHRIST. Can any person be more eminently useful, than by assisting the distribution of the BIBLE—a book which breathes nothing but mercy, benevolence, and peace? Never was a book written so unfriendly to hatred, persecution, tyranny, injustice, and every sort of malevolence; or so friendly to all the kind and sublime affections, as the Gospel.

No. II.

EXTRACTS FROM SPEECHES AT LATE ANNI- VERSARY MEETINGS OF THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

At the Fourteenth Anniversary, (May 6, 1818,) The Right Hon. N. VANSITTART, Chancellor of the Exchequer, spoke as follows:—

I must be permitted, my Lord, to take this opportunity of expressing the gratification with which I am again enabled to partake of this great feast of Christian benevolence. I must be permitted to state the admiration and gratitude with which, in common with those around me, I see the great plans of Providence developing themselves, and its mysterious purposes apparently about to be effected; and in particular, that we are allowed, and enabled, in however humble a degree, to co-operate in so great a work. We find, that, while the zeal, the liberality, and energy of this Society have, in no respect, diminished, within the British dominions, its operations have been widely extending, and receiving the most energetic aid, among foreign nations. I particularly allude to what we have heard respecting the Empire of Russia, and the States of America. Can we be too grateful to that Providence which has touched the hearts of kings and of statesmen, which has raised up a zealous protector and propagator of the gospel, in the great Sovereign of the North? Can we be too grateful that those extensive dominions, stretching in a solid mass throughout the longitude of one half of the circumference of the globe, are about, in the numberless languages spoken in that vast empire, to receive the blessings of Christianity?

In the other hemisphere, the prospect is equally cheering and delightful. Happy, indeed, is the time, when the two