

the state of their missions in the East Indies

Two promising young men, the Rev L. P. Haubroe, and the Rev D. Rosen, having been recommended to the Society by the Bishop of Zealand, by whom they had been ordained as Missionaries, a Charge was delivered to them at a special general meeting of the Society, Jan 29, 1819, previously to their departure as the Society's Missionaries in India, by the Rev. Dr. Wordsworth. This charge is so characterized by Christian benevolence and piety, that we could gladly transcribe the whole. After a variety of affectionate remarks to the Missionaries, Dr Wordsworth goes on to urge the *duty* of such exertions. On this head he justly remarks:—

“Our reasoning applies alike to the gifts of nature, and of grace; or such difference as there is, will be found to be in favour of the latter. as well because they are more valuable gifts, for the things which are not seen are eternal, as also, because being out of the reach of men's natural faculties to attain unto, they fall especially under that gracious consideration, in which our blessed Saviour himself has placed them, ‘freely ye have received, freely give.’—An especial duty, therefore, lies upon us to impart of our spiritual treasures to them that are in need. And in this view, reverend brethren, we have no small joy to be the instruments in the hands of Divine Providence in calling forth, and giving exercise to your Christian and charitable zeal.

“This, I say, would be the case, such would be our duty, and our rejoicing, even if there were no precept in holy Scripture prescribing the obligation, and no special considerations presented there, peculiarly appertaining to this division of the labours of love. But we all know that this is quite otherwise. ‘Go ye, and preach the Gospel to every creature. Go ye, and teach all nations, baptising them.’ These were the commands of our King, when by

the hands of his ministers he was laying the foundation stones on which he would erect a universal dominion—Such also is the import of the proclamation of the Heavenly Father, ‘I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldst be for salvation unto the ends of the earth;’ words appealed to by inspired Apostles as a warrant and command to preach the Gospel to the heathen. Such also is the import of the voice of all the prophets; and if, passing from earth to heaven, we penetrate under the guidance of another Apostle within the veil, what do our eyes behold there, but ‘a great multitude which no man can number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, standing before the throne, crying with a loud voice, Salvation unto our God and unto the Lamb?’ And yet, ‘How shall they call,’ as the Apostle has argued, ‘on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the Gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!’

“Therefore, from these considerations and the like, the obligation has long been recognised of endeavouring to communicate the knowledge of Christianity among the Pagan and Mahomedan nations of the eastern hemisphere.”

Dr. Wordsworth proceeds to show the beneficial results of the Society's missions in the East, appealing to the testimony of the Bishop of Calcutta and Dr. Buchanan for the pleasing character of the Tanjore Christians. The following remark forms a strong argument for the usefulness of the occasional and anniversary meetings of the charitable societies.

“These very solemnities themselves have not been without their fruits of blessing. I doubt not they have, from time to time, brought home to many bosoms an inward