

efforts of the Apostolic Church in the promotion of the common cause

The energies of society have never in fact been directed to the work of conversion as an object of general concern, whilst the truth and the dignity of our holy Religion are, in too many instances, discredited by the vices of its professors, their neglect of its sabbaths and sacred ordinances, and their contempt of its ministers and doctrines. The future advancement of Christianity in India will, in a great measure, depend on the success of our endeavours to eradicate the infidelity and correct the morals of the European population. Will the native embrace a Faith, which is disgraced or derided by its professors? will he admit the necessity of renouncing his vicious practices, when he discovers no traces of Christian virtue in the conduct of Christians by name? A reformation of this kind might be justly regarded as the dawn of a brighter day in the East. In the present state of society, it were indeed absurd to expect an immediate and extensive revival of the virtues and graces peculiar to the early ages. But much may be gradually effected by the application of existing resources, in repairing  
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