

PREFACE.

One of the most pleasing and encouraging evidences of the increasing influence of Divine truth on the world, is the disposition and the ability which the great Head of the church is giving to his servants to acquire a knowledge of the various languages which are spoken by the different tribes of the human family, and to the natives, in some instances, to obtain a knowledge of the English, whereby a door is opened for mutual assistance in translating the sacred Scriptures and other religious and devotional books into those languages.

The same Holy Spirit, who, by his miraculous influence, enabled the apostles on the day of pentecost to declare to men of different nations in their own tongue the lively oracles of truth, is now by his ordinary, but not less important operations, giving unto the messengers of the churches that decision of mind, that ardent zeal, and