

with gratitude, and under the persuasion, that, though England is the file leader in the march of Christian benevolence for sending forth Missionaries into all climes, yet, that much remains to be done in the cause of Missions. We want more simplicity and more self-devotion to the sacred work.

It is not to be expected that the ministers of the gospel of the present day should have the same zeal for missions, as those who were thrust out to their work by persecution, and who had resigned whatever was dear to man for the sake of conscience; still we may look forward to the time when zeal shall increase with knowledge. When Christians, professing a lively interest in the cause of missions, shall no longer so eagerly resist every application, or seek to oppose, in fearful apprehension, any expressed desire on the part of their children, relations, or more immediate friends, to engage in the truly arduous and great undertaking. "Let us cast our eyes," says a spirited and able writer on missions, "on soldiers and sailors. For a small sum a day, the soldier exposes his life; and when the ball penetrates his chest, or his vitals palpitate on the bayonet, beguiles the anguish with the thought that he falls on the bed of honour and dies in the de-