

Country, it was the stigma of Christianity, that men, for the sake of gain, would encounter hardships of every description, and wander amongst the most brutal savages, with no other object than to amass wealth; whilst the professed followers of the Redeemer were making, we may say, no efforts, combating no difficulties, to carry the Gospel to the dark places of the earth; but resting satisfied with their labours in their own land, and amongst their neighbours and countrymen. But this reproach has been wiped away. In the remotest countries, and most fatal climates, the Soldier of the Cross may now be found instructing the barbarous and long-neglected races of men in the way of salvation, pointing them to the regions of blessedness beyond the grave. Yet even now, how backward are Christians in supporting enterprises that have the eternal good of man for their object. How different, for instance, is the zeal manifested in the support of the missionary cause, with what would be displayed in the promotion of any project of trifling temporal importance; and in that department with which we are connected—the distribution of Tracts—how feeble do our efforts appear, when contrasted with the labours of the men of the world in the dissemination of their views and opinions on temporal matters by the same instrumentality. The great political and commercial changes, and the social reforms, so lately effected in the Mother Country (which already are felt in the remotest corners of the earth, and whose influence will extend to the latest posterity,) are mainly the result of extended and persevering labour, in sending from one end of the land to the other, a deluge of information through the medium of short, pithy

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