

sider its object, and the longer experience I have of the spirit and principles on which it is conducted, the more deeply I am convinced that it merits all the support which the Church of England can give it." || And the late Bishop of Cloyne, in his Speech delivered at the formation of the North West London Auxiliary Bible Society, March 18, 1813, thus addressed the Meeting, "Go on, then, Gentlemen, in the name of God; spread the word of God *without the opinions of man*, throughout every part of the world; translate it into every language, and send it into every country. And if this be a crime, it is one of a very singular nature; for our Saviour set the example, the Apostles followed it, and God himself has commanded and sanctioned it."

The Bible Society, likewise, recommends itself to patronage and support by the *unanimity which it tends to cherish*.—Though the honour of having first formed and suggested the scheme must be conceded to the Dissenters, yet it was not embodied in action, nor carried into vigorous operation, till several zealous members of the Church of England came forward as its enlightened champions; and, whilst the Society soon enrolled among its Vice-Presidents, one Archbishop and twelve Bishops, persons of almost every religious denomination saw in it the germ of Christian concord and social happiness, and rallied round it as a common standard

|| See Hodgson's Life of Porteous.