

d by the Rev.

the hand of God in  
and the great ac-  
com with renewed  
n; trusting, the  
r his inheritance

Rev. George

ensure the past  
l by the British  
st Indies; and  
ristian Mission-  
ught to realize  
f God.

by the Rev.

ive duty and  
essed cause of  
rine agency to  
o be more fre-  
g of the Holy  
for them, and

y the Rev.

, for his valu-  
, Treasurers,  
eir important  
e respectfully  
ng:—  
ecretary and

, the Circuit  
men:

mot, Esq.

ires.

## REPORT, &c.



ENCOURAGEMENT still presents itself to the friends of Missions, when looking over the widening field of Missionary labour which lies stretched before them. The power of the Gospel prosperously attacks and signally subdues the enemies of Christ, a power which is apart from desolation and cruelty, and which exerts its sway over the empire of the mind, and establishes its peaceable and spiritual dominion over the passions of the heart.

Experience tests the utility of any system, and furnishes an opportunity of rightly estimating the pretensions which are made, and the suitableness of the measures employed, for the accomplishment of the end. There are some measures which strike by their novelty, but fail to produce the effects boasted of; cautious and wary observers are not elated by their development; neither are they cast down by their failures; but there are others who become warmly espoused to a new theory, yet are lacking of that patience and perseverance required to prove its soundness, or to demonstrate its fallacy. Their mode of calculating upon the usefulness of a piece of machinery, or the justice and suitableness of a political enactment, too frequently carries itself into the region of religious exertion; there are some who would bend religious institutions to their policy, which is often earthly and sensual; who would form their judgment upon immediate results and present appearances, forgetting that in the Christian economy we need faith as well as works, and that there may be occasions when the issue does not accord with the expectation, as to the time, therefore we are called upon to have confidence in the divine promise and blessing, as to the future. The sowing time and the reaping time are distant. We judge not of the value of a painting from the first rough sketch of the artist; we wait till he has given it his masterly touches; and then, when light and shade are scientifically blended together, we form our judgment of its beauty, and the workman's skill. Nor ought we to pronounce the character of a building by seeing the stone and the timber scattered promiscuously around the place dug for its foundation, but wait till the architect has brought the whole to a conclusion.