

arts of peace. Compare the state of science, of agriculture, navigation, commerce and manufactures, to what these branches were three or four centuries ago, and you will see the great difference that has taken place; and yet they have not arrived at all the perfection of which they are susceptible. New improvements and discoveries of real and permanent utility are daily suggested and put in practice. The habits of peace will constantly add to the number.

In consequence of the peace it is to be hoped, that more exertion will be made to ameliorate the moral and spiritual condition of mankind, by a more extensive diffusion of the knowledge of Divine Truth. A great deal has already been done in this great and good work, by the friends of our holy religion; but much yet remains to be accomplished, before all the heathen nations shall have been evangelized. That highly favoured country, to which we have the happiness to belong, has set a glorious example. Missionaries have been sent to the Islands of the Pacific, to almost every Province of Africa, to the East Indies; some have penetrated to the kingdom of Persia, to the Chinese Empire, and indeed, to every quarter of the globe. The Scriptures, which reveal the way of Salvation to mankind, have been, or are translating, into the most part of the languages spoken among men, and are distributed to an unparalleled extent. If such works as these have been accomplished in time of war, what may we not expect in time of peace? Surely it will not

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