

compared it with the dictates and prescriptions of heathen morality, are fully convinced of this fact : even infidels themselves have confessed that the latter are not to be compared to the morality of the Gospel. *Their rock is not as our rock, even our enemies themselves being judges.* The mind of man is both too impure and too ignorant to relish or to discover principles so holy, and precepts so admirable, as those which Christianity developes. It will not be expected, on this occasion, that I should traverse the wide field of Christian obedience, and shew how every part of it is affected by the precepts of the Gospel, or even that I should state at length the grounds of moral obligations : it will be sufficient to shew the bearing of scriptural injunction upon the commercial character, and its tendency, when faithfully obeyed, to produce the most substantial benefits.

The advantages of Commerce are manifold and obvious. It promotes the intercourse of nations,—enlarges the boundaries of knowledge,—contributes to the welfare of mankind by an interchange of commodities, supplying the wants of one country by the excess of another,—calls into action the energies of the bold, the skilful, and the enterprising,—and, what in the estimate of the Christian philanthropist constitutes its highest excellence, it opens facilities for the introduction of the Gospel into all lands and nations.

To ensure success, on Scriptural principles, in the pursuits of commerce, Integrity, Diligence, and