

commission given to the Apostles and their successors by the Saviour, and in the history transmitted to us in the New Testament of its early execution, there is not one word about civilizing men ; although the Gospel was to be, and was in fact, carried by the Apostles to savage tribes as well as to the then civilized nations.* The command of the Savior is, "Go ye,"—not to the nations which have been prepared for your coming by civilization,—but, "Go ye into all the world,"—to savages as well as to civilized men.—And do what ? First civilize those whom you find sunk in barbarism, and teach the true philosophy to those whom you find more refined ; † and thus prepare them for receiving my religion ? No ; but, "Go ye into all the world, and *preach the Gospel to every creature.*" To all alike, savage and civilized, proclaim, at once and continually, the good news of salvation through my atoning blood. And the history of the proceedings of the Apostles in executing this commission, under the infallible guidance of the Holy Spirit, among savage as well as civilized nations, is,—not that they abstained from "preaching christianity" till they had taught the civilized the true philosophy, and the barbarous "the emolient arts of life ;" but, "they went forth, and *preached every where,*" that men "should *repent, and turn to God,* and do works meet for repentance ;" "not knowing any thing among" those to whom they went, from the beginning to the end of their continuance with them, "save Jesus Christ, and him crucifi-

* Paul, we know from Galatians i, 17, preached the Gospel in Arabia. There is also reason to believe that he visited Spain on the same benevolent errand. And if he did not introduce Christianity into Britain, there is satisfactory evidence that it was successfully propagated among its then barbarous inhabitants in the age of the Apostles. In the same age, also, and no doubt by the Apostles, Christianity was introduced among several of the then uncivilized tribes north and east of Palestine.

† This, it has been maintained, should be the first step in attempting to propagate Christianity among civilized Heathen. "Instead of sending missionaries for the immediate purpose of preaching Christianity, even in its simple elements, let the remuneration that is now divided among twenty, be given to two, or to three, who shall be educated for the service. Let them be made masters of natural philosophy in all its branches. Let them be thoroughly acquainted with the science of metaphysics. Let them be deeply read in history. Let them be, at the same time, what are called practical men ; men who know the world, and human nature. And, let