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BENEFICIAL EFFECTS OF CHRISTIANITY.

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But the blessings conferred by Christianity on the world are not confined to ameliorating the moral, civil, religious and political condition of mankind : the most polished nations, now 'n existence, are indebted to it for the preservation and diffusion of literature and the elegant arts of painting, statuary, architecture and music. Christianity has been instrumental in preserving and disseminating moral, classical and theological knowledge, in every nation where it has been established. The law, the gospel, the comments on them, and the works of the fathers, were written in Hebrew, Greek, or Latin: so that a knowledge of these three languages, became indispensably necessary to every man who wished to be an intelligent Christian. Christianity being contained in books, the use of letters became necessary to its teachers ; nor could learning have been entirely lost, while there was an order of men, who VOL.'IL гi