

APPENDIX.

BETWEEN the years 1793 and 1816, many institutions have been formed for the benefit of mankind. Between these two periods the Missionary Societies, the Bible Societies, the Tract Societies, and the Peace Societies, have been instituted. The object of all these institutions, however diversified their operations, is only one and the same. It is to afford the purest gratification to the benevolent mind of every genuine philanthropist, by circumscribing the boundaries of the kingdom of the god of this world,—by diminishing the sum total of human wretchedness,—by widening the sphere, and accelerating the progress, of true Christian morality;—in fine, by promoting the temporal welfare, and securing the future happiness of countless millions of mankind.

To all these laudable institutions the TEMPERANCE SOCIETY, of much more recent origin, having been formed at Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, so lately as February, 1826, must be considered as a most necessary and effective auxiliary. Drunkenness had long prevailed in the United States, in Great Britain, and in other countries, to such an alarming degree, that it was annually the occasion and the cause of the premature death of many thousands of the human race. The respectable and benevolent projectors of the Temperance Society were, as might have been anticipated, subjected to much contempt and obloquy. Multitudes of the sons of intemperance naturally viewed their laudable attempts as perfectly absurd and unnecessary, and turned them into ridicule. And a great majority, or at all events, a very large proportion of those who were sober and temperate, while they wished success to their enterprise, considered their praiseworthy efforts as almost entirely visionary. They could not allow themselves to anti-