

THE SOCIETY'S REPLY.

EDINBURGH SOCIETY HALL
18 June 1833.

DEAR SIR—I have received both of your Journals which I had much pleasure in laying before the Directors of the Society for Propagating Christian Knowledge. The Directors are exceedingly gratified, not merely with the interesting information which your Journals contain but with the Spirit which they breathe. They rejoice that in the midst of so much danger from the neighbourhood of hostile tribes, you have in mercy been saved, and they hope you will be long preserved to be useful to the people among whom you are placed, and that you may have the rich reward of seeing the pleasure of the Lord prospering in your hands. Highly honourable indeed is the work in which you are engaged. What a rich prize would it be if even only one soul of these poor, benighted, and ignorant natives should be saved—how much more so, if you should be the honoured instrument in the hands of God, of turning many from sin to righteousness—of removing the darkness of their heathen superstition and idolatry—of bringing them into the marvellous light of the Gospel—of leading them to the cross, and to the peace speaking blood of the lamb, where alone they can have their sins washed away. The Spirit of the Lord can alone accomplish this great work, but we are desired to use the means, and I trust you will have many souls given you as the success of your labours.

The Directors of the Society have ordered extracts from your Journals to be published in the appendix to their anniversary sermon, and they hope you will continue as frequently as you can, to transmit your journals containing not merely the progress of the great work in which you are at present engaged, but such particulars regarding the habits, peculiarities and manners of these native tribes, which may shew the dark and ignorant state in which they are at present, and the removal of which should be the anxious wish and earnest prayer of every christian.

The Directors pray that you may be strong in the Lord—
That through your means many be added to the church of