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British and Foreign Anti-Slavery Society,

FOR THE ABOLITION OF

SLAVERY AND THE SLAVE-TRADE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

THE principles on which the Society is based, and the mode of its operations will be found in the following extract from its constitution; viz:—
' THAT SO LONG AS SLAVERY EXISTS THERE IS NO REASONABLE PROSPECT OF THE ANNIHILATION OF THE SLAVE-TRADE, AND OF EXTINGUISHING THE SALE AND BARTER OF HUMAN BEINGS; THAT THE EXTINCTION OF SLAVERY AND THE SLAVE-TRADE WILL BE ATTAINED MOST EFFECTUALLY BY THE EMPLOYMENT OF THOSE MEANS WHICH ARE OF A MORAL, RELIGIOUS, AND PACIFIC CHARACTER: AND THAT NO MEASURES BE RESORTED TO BY THIS SOCIETY IN THE PROSECUTION OF THESE OBJECTS BUT SUCH AS ARE IN ENTIRE ACCORDANCE WITH THESE PRINCIPLES.'

The number of slaves under professedly Christian Governments in North and South America and the West Indies is about 6,500,000. In Africa and Asia there are *millions* more, subject to the most cruel and degrading bondage. It has been ascertained that in British India alone there are 4,974,079 slaves; and these it is to be feared do not form more than one half of the actual number of this wretched portion of our species still in bondage within the British empire.

To supply the slave markets of Brazil and Cuba, not less than 120,000 slaves are torn from Africa every year; while to meet the demand for slaves 50,000 more are doomed to the horrors of perpetual slavery in the East. In order to procure this number it has been estimated that 280,000 *in addition* perish every year in the wars which the slave-trade engenders, in their transit to the coast for sale, and during the middle passage: in other words, of every thousand victims to the slave-trade, *one-half* perish in the seizure, march, and detention on the coast; *one-fourth* of those embarked, perish in the middle passage; and *one-fifth* of those who are landed perish in the seasoning during the first year; and the remaining three hundred, with their descendants, are doomed to hopeless bondage and a premature grave.

Every contributor of not less than ten shillings annually, or of a donation of five pounds or upwards at one time, is constituted a member of the Society, and is entitled to purchase its publications at a reduction of one-fourth of the usual price, if obtained either of the Parent Society or one of its Auxiliaries.

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