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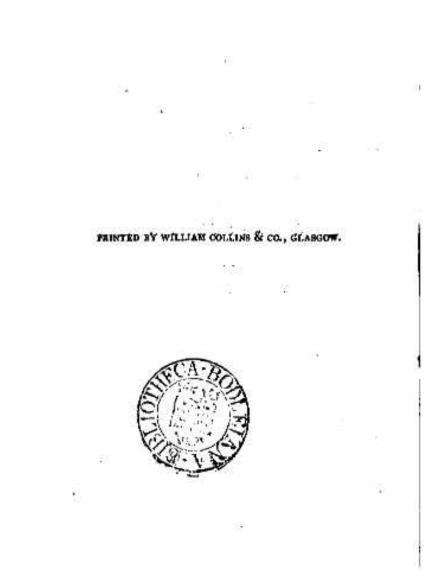
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It is now almost a quarter of a century since the present general peace prevailing throughout Europe, and, we may add, the rest of the world, commenced its reign. This auspicious era dates from the memorable and decisive battle of Waterloo. During this period of peace, almost unparalleled, for its length, in the history of modern times,—the wars which have occurred have been, with few exceptions, short in duration; and all of very limited extent.

The blessed fruits of this protracted and widely extended tranquility in Europe have been manifold. In almost every country on that continent, very perceptible progress has been made in extending the benefits of education, in advancing the useful arts, in ameliorating oppressive laws, in promoting morality, and in elevating the masses of society.

Still more and better; true religion, the pure Christianity of the Bible, has certainly begun to revive in almost every part of the continent. Through the increased diffusion of the sacred Scriptures, which has been effected, to a greater or less extent, in almost every country on the continent, a decided impulse has been given to