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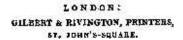
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### PART I.

#### THE LIFE AND LABOURS OF BARTHOLOMEW ZIEGENBALG.

#### CHAPTER I.

THE commencement of the last century was rendered memorable both in this island and on the continent of Europe, for the establishment of several religious institutions connected with the conversion of the Heathen. Then it was, that " The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge," and "The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts," became first known as efficient organs of the English Church. And it was about the same time also, that a similar spirit was manifested in Germany, particularly at the University of Halle, where "The Oriental College of Divinity \*" arose under the auspices of Professor Francke, whilst, in 1715, "The Missionary College of Copenhagen" was incorporated for the express purpose of propagating the Gospel in the East.

"The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge" arose (1698) from the spontaneous association

\* See Pietas Hallensis, Part i. p. 47.