

ved Books and Tracts, for distribution among the poor, as was the custom in the infancy of these Colonies.

It has long been the usage of the Society also, whenever a Missionary is willing to encounter the fatigues and privations, which attend a visit to remote settlements, many of which are far distant from any Missionary Station, to defray the expences of such charitable visits, and supply books, for distribution, at the discretion of the Missionary. It will not therefore be thought surprising, that the whole expenditure, occasioned by such extended and various charity as the Society continually dispense, should have risen to a large amount, and compelled them to seek for more assistance, than they have hitherto solicited.