

NEW ZEALAND.

Within the last three or four years this Mission has assumed an aspect affording ample compensation for the hardships and sufferings endured by the Missionaries in their first attempts to introduce the Gospel among the tribes of Wangaroa on the North-east coast of New Zealand. But during the last year several important events have transpired which have called the special attention of the Parent Committee to this very promising part of the Mission field. There has been a determined effort made by a French Romish Bishop with several priests, to introduce among the natives, the unscriptural doctrines of popery; for the promulgation of which the most insidious arts have been employed, and we lament to say they have been successful in several places; again, New Zealand will, no doubt, be regularly colonized—the chiefs having ceded their country to Her Britannic Majesty in February last; and the supremacy of British rule having thereupon been formally proclaimed by Captain Hobson, R. N., Lieutenant-Governor of New Zealand, large numbers of Europeans have already emigrated thither; and under the new state of things, it may be confidently expected that the tide of emigration will flow still more largely to its shores; and from numerous precedents in the cases of other barbarous tribes, it must obviously appear that, in order to preserve the interests and secure the just rights of the Aborigines of New Zealand, they must be raised generally in the scale of civilization—and for this purpose have placed within their reach the ennobling blessings of Christianity. In addition, there is a general desire among the natives for Christian instruction. In a letter received in this Island a few days ago, from one of the Missionaries now in New Zealand, it is stated:—"There is a general call for more Missionaries for instruction in Divine things, and books are in constant demand; thousands of tracts have been printed and circulated during the year, and the forthcoming year we intend to translate and print various portions of the Old Testament. The New Testament has been circulated far and wide, and will stand as a mighty bulwark against the Man of Sin; we long to see the sacred canon completed in the New Zealand dialect." Encouraged therefore by the success which the great Head of the Church has vouchsafed to past exertions, and feeling the weight of obligation resting upon the Society in the present critical state of New Zealand to press into openings of greater usefulness which now offer themselves, the parent committee resolved to embrace the opportunity of sending by the Centenary Missionary Ship "Triton," six additional Missionaries to strengthen the older stations, and to answer some of those calls for help which hitherto, from necessity, have been altogether practically disregarded.

SOUTH AFRICA.

The claims of the Missions in this part of the world, including Albany, Caffraria, Bechuanna, and the Manlatte country, for more extensive support, which had for some years past been gradually

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