

Dealer—the Idolater, and all that are opposed to the salvation of GUINEA, will be vanquished by the word of the Lord, and the glory of His power. The Schools are in a very efficient state, and promise to yield an ample recompense for all the labour expended upon them. SELAH.

WEST INDIES.

These are the oldest of the Society's Missions, and from their commencement until now, they have always been regarded with unabated interest, and undiminished affection. In their formation, the Missionary enterprise, for which the Wesleyans are now so distinguished, was first developed. The objects of their Christianity were then an enslaved, and a degraded race. The Helots, or Public Slaves of Sparta never were so badly treated; nor were the Serfs of ancient Saxony or Poland, so hard worked, or so cruelly punished. But these are familiar and authenticated facts; and future historians in order to be impartial, must associate with their account of the wrongs and sufferings endured by the Slaves in the West Indies, a record of the never failing charity, and indomitable energy displayed by "The Methodists," in order to redress these grievances, and make the subjects of them a free and happy people.

These beautiful Islands are now suffering deeply under what, your Committee, cannot but regard as an inconsistent and ruinous policy; and while as Christians, they are ready to "*render to Caesar, the things that are Caesar's*," they cannot but say, that in this case, the conduct of our rulers, militates alike, against the temporal, and spiritual interests of "all ranks, and conditions of people" in the West Indies.—In these views we are fully borne out by the subjoined extract from the *last Report of "the venerable Parent Society."*

The Society's Missions in the BRITISH WEST-INDIES continue to present an unfavourable aspect. The deteriorating influences which have been at work in these Colonies, since the alteration in the duties on sugar, still prove a serious counteraction to Missionary operations. Increasing poverty is injurious to the spiritual interests of the people, by absorbing many of them to such an extent in cares and anxieties respecting outward things, that they become negligent of the public ordinances of Religion; and, from the same cause, the pecuniary receipts of the Missions are so considerably diminished as to render it necessary to contract the sphere of Missionary effort just at the juncture when the peculiar circumstances of the people require for them increased, instead of diminished, pastoral attention and care. The Committee have

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