

Our Missionaries in Africa, the Friendly Islands, and Feejee are just now winning unusual honours from the dignified and shrewd of other Churches, as was to be expected after a time. "The celebrated Dr. Barth, who has recently returned from Timbuctoo, reports that the Mahommedan powers in the interior of Africa are quite alive to the improved condition of the Pagan Negroes on the coast by the labours of Missionaries." The *Literary Gazette* in noticing our Missions in Western Africa commends them with much sympathy and earnestness. Dr. Harvey, who is visiting the Friendly Islands for scientific purposes, and who frankly tells us that the Church of England has her lamp trimmed "with purer oil than burns in any other," in a long letter describes the Wesleyan Missions with a glowing, eulogistic pen, and writes to a learned friend of his on the feasibility of establishing "a little Polynesia Medical Aid Society" for supplying our Missionaries with medicines, which now they personally supply for the benefit of the natives. The Bishop of Cape-Town, too, at a public meeting, especially states that South Africa "is deeply indebted to the Wesleyans" for the influence they have exercised over the natives. We knew it before, but the testimony is welcome. Next comes the *Colonial Church Chronicle*, with its review of the Parent Society's small publication, "Events in Feejee," and this Church organ with remarkable simplicity observes, "We cannot sufficiently admire the Christian courage and zeal of these men; and, for our part, we wish earnestly that they were in communion with ourselves, and Missionaries of the Church of England." Undoubtedly! and whatever else is meant, this modern earnest wishing, implies that these Wesleyan Missionaries are holy, gifted, and apostolic labourers.

Letters from the West Indies are made enlivening by the incidents of a Missionary tour, and by the statement, that a new staff of Missionaries has been appointed to Jamaica, and especially by tidings of returning prosperity, and the conversion and restoration of souls.

In Western Africa chapels have been opened at Lagos, Dunkwa, Assafa, and Mampon. The society at Abakrampa has doubled since its chapel was dedicated lately; at Cape-Coast the chapel has been re-opened; and the persevering Freeman, was about to embark for Whydah with materials for the erection of another at that notorious slave mart. Lady Buxton and others in England have not subscribed in vain. Mr. May, of Sierra Leone, writes, "It is encouraging to state, that our people in all the stations, are always willing to hear the Word of God; as soon as the Mission Boat is in sight, or the signal is given of the Preacher's arrival, they immediately assemble themselves in the Chapel."

The publication of "Arrivals" at Missions is very gratifying; but the Rev. David Hazlewood, translator of the Old Testament into Feejee, is dead, and a Missionary's excellent wife in Mysore; a Catechist and a Local Preacher have died in Sierra Leone; and a school master, with his wife and four children, were lost at sea on their voyage to New Zealand. Many are the losses of the Society by pestilence, tempest, fire, war, or shipwreck, costing in some years thousands of pounds to repair.

But these Missions of the Parent Society are intrusted by a wise Providence to a willing people, and we rejoice exceedingly to receive, after a year