

In addition to the moral and religious benefits which have been derived through the Divine blessings from our various Missions in Southern Africa, it is truly gratifying to see the progress made at the several stations, in the arts of civilized life. Wandering hunters have become successful cultivators of the soil, and have shown a capability of rivalling their European friends in mechanical industry and ingenuity. They have formed interesting villages around the residences of their laborious and devoted Missionary Ministers. Their native Schools have augmented the number of readers, and the Missionary Printing Establishments have furnished a liberal supply of at least elementary books, in the most useful branches of knowledge. Thus the wilderness and the solitary place have literally been made glad for them, and has in places not a few, like the budding rose, given forth its hopeful blossoms of future prosperity.

The Missions in WESTERN AFRICA have not, by any means, abated in interest during the last year. At Sierra Leone, our oldest West African Mission station, the converted negroes, liberated from slave vessels taken on the coast, have caught the flame, and have begun a Missionary subscription among themselves, to enable the Committee to send a Missionary to their own, their native land. Every department of the Sierra Leone Mission affords indications of prosperity. Although many of the members have, during the year, emigrated to various desirable points, the aggregate number in Church Communion is considerably greater than last year. Much has also been done in providing commodious and substantial places of worship. The Rev. Mr. Dove, the Superintendent, after mentioning the erection of twelve chapels lately, and some other Missionary buildings, by the liberality of our friends, adds:—"I wish particularly to call your attention to the large town of York. As the Governor and Council kindly granted to the Wesleyan Missionary Society the large unfinished stone building, (once intended for a Church) together with a large quantity of stone, we have prepared a roof, SAWN OUT OF THE MASTS OF SLAVE SHIPS, under our own inspection at Freetown. A friend of the Society has engaged to send the same to York in his own vessel, free of expense.— And, as another instance of the desire for improvement, which is growing up in this people, they have raised, by contributions, nearly 500 dollars towards the purchase of a Printing Press for their own benefit."

The Committee cannot but refer to the new Mission in the kingdom of ASHANTI, and which they would notice with the warmest emotions of thankfulness to Him by whom kings reign and princes decree justice, and who turneth the hearts of the rulers of this world to become instruments of doing all his pleasure.