

bright prospects in MADAGASCAR still continues over that land. 1000 Testaments, 500 Psalters, with 500 copies of the Book of *Génésis*, have, however, been despatched to the Mauritius, to be in readiness when the way shall again be open.

From the MAURITIUS the sum of 44*l*.6*s*.6*d*. has been remitted.

A renewed interest has been awakened on behalf of Africa, by the visit of the Rev. Dr. Philip, and of the Rev. Mr. Read, a Missionary to that country of nearly thirty-seven years' standing, accompanied by his son, together with a Christian Caffre Chief and a Christian Hottentot.

The following are extracts from the addresses of these two interesting foreigners, delivered at a Public Meeting:—

"When the word of God came among us (said the Caffre Chief) we were like the wild beasts, we knew nothing! we were so wild, that there was nothing but war and bloodshed. Every one was against his neighbour; there was no confidence between man and man, and each man tried to destroy his brother. The word of God has turned us; the word of God has brought peace; has reconciled one man to another: and in us is fulfilled that text of Scripture, 'The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,' I thank the English Nation for what we have received at their hands."

"The Christian Hottentot said: 'I wish to tell you what the Bible has done for Africa. What would have become of the Hottentot Nation, and every Black Man in South Africa, had you kept the word of God to yourselves? When you received the word of God, you thought of other nations who had not that word. When the Bible came amongst us, we were naked; we lived in caves, and on the tops of mountains; we had no clothes, we painted our bodies with red paint. At first we were surprised to hear the truths of the Bible. The Bible charmed us out of the caves, and from the tops of the mountains. The Bible made us throw away all our old customs and practices, and we lived among civilized men. We are tame men now. Now we know there is a God: now we know we are accountable creatures before God. But what was our state before the Bible came? We knew none of these things. We knew nothing about heaven. We knew not who made heaven and earth. The Bible is the only light for every man that dwells on the face of the earth.'"

The following copies have been forwarded to Cape Town:—

250 Dutch Bibles and 500 Dutch Tests. together with

150 English Bibles and 300 English Tests.

The translating and printing of the Scriptures in the language of the Caffres is going forward, under the auspices of different Missionary Societies; and a grant of 60 reams of paper has been made to the Glasgow Missionary Society, towards this object.

The Rev. H. P. Halbeck, Bishop of the Church of the United Brethren at Gnadenthal, South Africa, has presented, from a

few poor Hottentots who had received some copies of the Scriptures, 3*l*.—an offering peculiarly acceptable to the Society.

From GRAHAM'S TOWN, the sum of 29*l*. has been remitted; and 50 Dutch Bibles, and 200 Testaments, have been forwarded.

From SALEM, where an Auxiliary was formed some time since, 20*l*. have been remitted.

From PLAAT BERG a remittance has been received of 10*l*. 15*s*., and 50 Bibles and 36 Testaments have been forwarded.

The Auxiliary at SIERRA LEONE has remitted 45*l*. 15*s*. 6*d*. The total issues, in about five years, amount to 1698 copies.

626 copies, with a few Spanish and Portuguese, have been forwarded.

In the MANDINGO language a commencement has been made; and 500 copies of the Gospel according to St. Matthew are printing, under the superintendence of the Rev. Mr. Macbrair, a Wesleyan Missionary from Africa, now in England.

The Rev. Mr. Ewald, of TUNIS, a Missionary of the Society for Promoting Christianity among the Jews, has sold on the coast of Africa, from April 1835 to April 1836, 996 copies. In the space of four years, 5000 copies of the Holy Scriptures have been put into circulation, in Algiers, Tunis, Tripoli, and the towns along the coast.

The printing of the AMHARIC Old Testament is proceeding. 1000 copies of the Pentateuch have been voted for the use of the Missionaries in Abyssinia. The circulation of the New Testament and Psalms commenced some time since.

The HONDURAS Bible Society has been revived. To it have been voted 246 English Bibles and Testaments; and 30 Bibles, and 60 Testaments, in French, Spanish, and Portuguese.

From British North America, the QUEBEC Auxiliary has remitted 250*l*.; and 178 Bibles, and 586 Testaments, have been sent. The Bishop of Quebec has accepted an invitation to become one of the Vice-Presidents of the Society.

From the MONTREAL Auxiliary, orders have been received for 196 Bibles, and 248 Testaments; and a remittance has been made of 110*l*. During the year, 1645 copies have been issued; and from the commencement of the Society, 28,931.

Bibles and Testaments, to the value of 100*l*. have been placed at the disposal of the BROCKVILLE Society, which has sent two remittances of 50*l*. each.

The Auxiliary Society at PRESCOTT has remitted 50*l*.

At PERTH, the capital of the Bathurst District, a Society has been formed, under