

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications are acknowledged from Amicus, The Gore, Anonymous. We wait for the promised MSS. from Amicus. To ***: the first sheet is struck off; the concluding sheets have been received this day; we dare not name an earlier period than six weeks.

We have received a letter from Liverpool, rather too severe for those so disinterestedly engaged as ourselves; we request the parties to assure themselves that the evils do not rest in their local Post Office—we believe they do—when we hear they do not, we will endeavour to ascertain here. The Memoir spoken of, never came to hand; if it had, it would have been acknowledged or inserted.

We cannot furnish any back number, prior to No. 10.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS.

WESLEYAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

DEPARTURE OF MISSIONARIES.

SINCE our last announcement under this head, several bands of noble and self-denying ministers of Christ have taken their departure for their respective stations. Many of them had embarked and commenced their voyage when the hurricane occurred at the end of last month; but we are happy to learn that in many instances the vessels in which they sailed sustained little or no damage, and we trust that, with respect to those of whom we have not heard any intelligence, it will be found that they had got so far out to sea as not to have felt the inconvenience of the tempest. The following is a statement of their names and respective destinations:—

The Rev. Wm. Moss and Mrs. Moss, Macarthy's Island, in the River Gambia, and the Rev. T. Edwards, 3rd, appointed to Sierra Leone in Western Africa, sailed on the 15th of October; they took shelter at Brixham during the gale, and were most hospitably entertained by the kind friends in that town.

The Rev. J. P. Hetherington, with Mrs. H. and two children, and the Rev. Henry Lanton, sailed for New York, on their way to Canada, on the 19th October.

The Rev. James Parkinson, and Mrs. P. sailed for St. Mary's on the Gambia, Western Africa, on the 22nd of October.

The Rev. John Richards, who had been a student in the Theological Institution for three years, and is appointed to the Albany District, Southern Africa, with Mrs. Richards, and the Rev. Wm. Impey, who is appointed to the Bechuana District, in South Eastern Africa, sailed on the 25th of October.

The Rev. Thomas Burrows, who is re-appointed to Jamaica, and Mrs. Burrows, the Rev. Richard Davis, the Rev. Francis Whitehead, and the Rev. Richard Redfern, sailed for Jamaica on the 27th of October.

The Rev. Edward Fraser is also appointed to Jamaica; but he proceeds thither by way of Antigua: he sailed for that island with Mrs. Fraser, on the 31st of October. We have much pleasure in giving publicity to the Resolutions of the Missionary Committee on the occasion of his departure from this country at the close of a visit which has afforded much delight to the friends of Missions, and to the church of God, and has been the means of spiritual edification to many thousands who attended his ministry. He is accompanied by the Rev. John Bell and Mrs. Bell, who are appointed to Antigua, and the Rev. Lancelot Railton, who is appointed to Montserrat.

The Rev. Henry Hind and the Rev. James Bickford, who are appointed to St. Vincent's, in the West Indies, sailed for that island on the 2nd of November.

The Rev. W. H. Rule on his return to Spain, with Mrs. Rule and three children, and the Rev. John Uewty, embarked for Cadiz on the 6th of November.

The departures now announced with those which we have before published, make the number of Wesleyan Missionaries who have sailed this autumn *twenty-eight*. Two others are now waiting the opportunity of proceeding to their appointments.

We most cordially and affectionately commend those excellent and beloved men and their families to the earnest prayers of all who take an interest in Christian Missions, that by the kind providence of God they may reach their respective appointments in safety, and long be spared in health and life for the advantages of that cause to which they are devoted.

EDUCATION FOR THE BLIND.—Continued exertions are made to alleviate the sufferings of our fellow-creatures, deprived of sight. Arbitrary characters have been invented to facilitate their learning to read by the characters being embossed on the paper, and read by the delicacy of feeling. Great objections were felt to the use of an arbitrary character, especially in the schools where there happened to be several pupils that were afflicted with blindness after having learnt to read in the ordinary way. To obviate this difficulty, the Rev. W. Taylor, of York, introduced into the blind school of that city the plan invented by the late Dr. Edmund Fry, which was merely the Roman capital letters; and although, on the first experiment, the letters were badly formed for embossing, and, consequently, difficult to feel, yet so great a progress was made by the pupils in so short a time, as to warrant the carrying out the principle of Dr. Fry's invention to a greater extent. We have now lying before us a specimen of a perfect fount of this embossing type, made upon Dr. Fry's plan by Mr. Besley, of the firm of W. Thorogood and Co., letter-founders. This fount appears to be in every respect perfect, and the impression is well raised.

GENEROSITY.—A correspondent has communicated to us several acts of munificence on the part of the late respected Conservative member for this county, which, he very justly remarks, are worthy of honorable mention. During his last visit to the principality Mr. Smith sanctioned the making a new road to the Menai-bridge, through his grounds at Vaynol, and gave land for that purpose; directed alterations and improvements in his own private road through Llanddoinolen, for the accommodation of strangers visiting Llanberis; accommodated the rector of Llanddoinolen with land sufficient for the construction of a glebe house and offices, whereby he is enabled to reside within the parish; gave a piece of land for a burial ground, adjoining the school house, for the convenience of the inhabitants of the upper part of the aforesaid parish; gave 10*l.* for the purchase of blankets to be distributed amongst the poor of the said parish at the approach of winter; became an honorary member of four benefit societies at the Dinerwie slate quarries, and a subscriber of 10*l.* annually to each; gave a donation of 10*l.* and subscribed three guineas annually in support of the church at Carnarvon; and lastly, gave an unrestricted order on the bank to make up the deficiency in expenses incurred by the Carnarvon committee in the celebration of the coronation. Mr. Smith is, perhaps, the best and most liberally abused man in the principality.—*Bangor Chronicle*.

The effigy of the Bishop of Durham, together with a volume, bearing the title of *Turner's Sermons*, were paraded through the streets of Bishop Auckland, on Monday evening, and afterwards publicly burnt together in the market-place. The Bishop was dressed in his canonicals, bearing a torch in his hand, and having the inscription of Unitarian Bishop.—*Newcastle Journal*.

The three retired chaplains to the House of Commons, who have been at length presented to stalls at Westminster and Canterbury, are, we hear, to receive the revenues which have accrued since the deaths of their respective predecessors.