

the Parent Committee is in its proceedings, and how cordial and generous are its supporters. We should require much more space than we can command for extracts from many pages, which have been read with extraordinary pleasure. The Society is accomplishing a great work in many a distant region, and Providence is still earnestly beckoning its agents to other necessitous and imploring populations; thereby proving that God approves of the Society's past efforts, and that its duty is to assume new responsibilities. War, and consequent depression, taxation, and loss, have been keenly felt by the English subscribers, but they have the last year exceeded their usual liberality. Among the items of expenditure nothing has gratified us more than the £1,600 for training a Native Agency in India, New Zealand, Tonga, Feejee, and Africa. Why do the Wesleyans maintain their Missionary place at the head of all other voluntary Protestant Christians? The distribution of a million Missionary Notices and Quarterly Papers last year cannot but have edified many.

The last numbers of the "Wesleyan Notices Newspaper," have been exceedingly refreshing. The compendious, but full and lucid report of the Rev. Dr. Beecham's important official visit to British North America is what we wanted to see; and estimable as are the facts recorded in it, its chief worth to us consists in its being the memorial of an event, not unlike any other in Wesleyan history, but indicative of the self-propagating energy of Methodism, and is another of the first fruits of a spiritual abundance by which the world is to be blessed. We shall not forget his welcome visit to Canada; and we rejoice with him and many more in the successfulness of his mission. The day was when Wesleyan advancement was measured by single conversions, then by classes, afterwards by circuits and missions; now we reckon by Conferences; and despite the prognostications of adversaries, there is, after more than a century of effort, a residuum of vitality destined to reach, by Divine influence, much more glorious results.

The Letters in the Notices grow in stirring interest every month. That from one of the Society's six Missionaries in China, the Rev. Josiah Cox, brings good news indeed. The Rev. Thos. Hodson's lengthy communication from Bangalore produces mingled feelings. The revival in Newfoundland, reported by the Rev. Thos. Smith, is delightful. The Committee's succinct view of Missions, commencing the September number, commands attention, and awakens our wishes. And we cannot read of the Gambia, the Gold Coast, of Sierra Leone, the Cuban Slaves, Cape of Good Hope, Natal, the Friendly Islands, and Feejee, and of the work elsewhere, without admiration and hope.

Then comes the Society's Appeal, in the number for October, weighty, necessary, bespeaking the vigilance of the Parent Committee. The Rev. Isaac Harding's graphic letter from Geelong is one of the best. The Rev. T. B. Freeman's from Cape Coast elicits the thanks of joyous hearts, by its eloquent record of six old-Methodist services in connexion with the opening of a Wesleyan Church at Abakrampa, and of the doings at the Akrah Missionary Meeting, when £60 sterling was subscribed. Mr. Freeman informs us that Whydah wants a new church, to cost £500; and we see that the statement has touched some British hearts, and already there is a good subscription for Whydah: Lady Buxton giving £25, and T. Tomblason, Esq., £50. Beautiful is the biographical account of the Native Missionary, Wright,