

Western Africa—and the banks of the Ganges and the Indus, have reverberated to Messiah's name.

The number of stations at present occupied by the Wesleyan Missionary Society, is 138, and the number of Missionaries engaged in the great work of christianizing the nations of the heathen, is not less than 188, besides Catechists and Teachers of Schools. As a joyful instance of the blessing of God upon the labours of his servants, your Committee have it in their power to state, that in the course of the last year, 2034 souls were added to the Church of Christ. The total number of persons in our Foreign Societies, is 34,892; and the number of children in the Mission Schools exceeds 18,000. At home, during a period of extensive and alarming national distress, the Parent Society has joyfully witnessed "*the Grace of God*," bestowed on the Churches of Britain—"how that, in a great trial of affliction, the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty, have abounded unto the riches of their liberality."

It is surely sufficient cause to be grateful, and your Committee feel it to be so, to report to the friends of Missions in this Country, that the amount raised by the General Society for the year ending December 31, 1827, to be £43,235 7 9, sterling. It is true indeed, that this sum, is less than that of the year preceding, by £2145 9 5; but this is a circumstance not to be attributed to a diminution of zeal in the churches of Christ, but to that defailance of Commerce which has been so generally, and so painfully felt in most parts of the British empire: under all the circumstances of the case therefore, your Committee, do not wonder at this partial defalcation, but are thankful that so much has been cast into the treasury of God. How deeply rooted in the hearts of men, must the energetic principles of the Gospel of Christ be, when in such a state of affliction and deep poverty, they are induced to deny themselves any thing, rather than the sacred gratification, of contributing, of their scanty pittance, to the furnishing of the Bread of Life to the spiritually famishing millions of our fellows in heathen lands. Blest as we are, with the same sanctifying and benevolent christianity, we ought always to emulate this pious and well directed zeal; and come forward with no less readiness and delight, to impart our full share in this work of mercy and labour of love.

In this Province, there is evidently a growing disposition in favour of Missionary enterprize: in the course of the last winter, two new Branch Societies have been formed, one in the Petticodiac Circuit, and the other in the Sussex Vale Circuit. In both of these places, the friends of Christian Missions have shown by their benevolence, and tender sympathy, an unequivocal decision in behalf of those great plans which are acted