

her noble band, took the springing breeze, and made way for the Heads. The Australian swept past the Camden once again; the friends of the Missionaries exchanged, by the waving of handkerchiefs, their final adieus, and then made their way to the Commercial Wharf. A fine breeze now springing up, the Camden seemed to linger until she also heaved anchor, and made sail for the ocean.

The little cutter, the Petrel, was also diving around the Letitia, and another party of the friends of the Missionaries on board.

The Letitia is the property of Thomas Street, Esq., and is chartered by the Wesleyan Missionary Society to convey the Missionaries to Tongatabu and the Feejee Islands. The Camden belongs to the London Missionary Society, and is to be devoted to the maintenance of the Mission in the South Seas, and to the extension of Missionary operations among the islands to the East and North of New Holland.

The departure of two missionary vessels in one day is an era in the history of the Church; and that this event, so novel and so delightful, should take place in Port Jackson, is most gratifying—it is an augury for good of no mean order. The departure of the Camden with the prayers and tears of many hundreds in Britain, spoke well for the revived feelings of the Christian world at home, but the evident interest awakened in the hearts of many persons in Sydney, and the departure of two vessels with the warm feelings and fervent supplications of the Australian Church, may lead us both to hope for, and to expect, a revival of religious zeal, and a diffusion of holy love. The day was fine, and the company appeared to be delighted with the trip. Some natural tears were shed at parting, but these we trust will be exchanged for smiles of congratulation when we hear tidings of the progress of the Gospel among the beautiful islands of the Pacific.

RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY.

The fortieth Anniversary Meeting was held on Friday, the third instant, at Exeter Hall. H. HOARE, Esq., presided. After prayers,

The CHAIRMAN said, God had vouchsafed a blessing beyond all former precedent. Two millions of tracts had been distributed beyond any preceding year, and altogether, during the year, eighteen millions of tracts had been circulated, every one containing the leading truths of the Gospel. The Society had found an entrance for the word of God, where the labours of missionaries had been excluded, into circles where the Bible had been a sealed book, and in portions of society where every other means of grace had been unable to gain access, and an entrance into the heart of many a hardened sinner. (Hear, hear.) The Roman Catholics had found out what an important instrument the Tract Society is, and were now forming their Tract Societies; their exertions, therefore, must be increased to supply the antidote.

The Report was read by Mr. WILLIAM JONES, the Travelling Secretary of the Society. It referred to the operations of the Institution in Japan, China, Penang, Singapore, Java, Burmah, India, Australia, Africa, America, and the West Indies, and various countries in Europe. The testimony of the missionaries in the West Indies shows that, as education increases among the negroes, there is created a great demand for the publications of the Society; they are eagerly purchased, and attentively read. *The Pilgrim's Progress* is an especial favourite. The grants made during the year, to the missionaries of all Protestant denominations, to clergymen, and others in the islands, amount to upwards of 120,000 tracts and children's books, and several libraries. Consignments of books have also been made to the extent of 5197. The Report gave affecting details of the spiritual destitution of the North American Colonies; and stated that there

is every prospect of many of the children of once happy professors of religion in England, becoming a species of white Indians, for want of religious advantages. In Russia, more than one Russian prince called at the tract depot, and selected tracts for circulation among his peasants. The reduction of one sixth in the price of the Society's tracts has led to an increase in the sales during the past year of 178,787. Thirty-two millions of Bibles, and 1,311,000 tracts have been granted to the Society. Grants of tracts to the extent of upwards of 1,800,000 have been made for British emigrants, soldiers, sailors, prisoners in England, prisons, hospitals, and jails. Sabbath-day circulation, fairs, races, &c. &c. The circulation circulated during the year amount to 18,000,000, being an increase on the preceding year of 2,100,000. The total benevolent income of the year is 5,482, 6s. 2d.; the grants of publications, paper, and money amount to 7,740, 4s. 5d., being 2,257, 18s. 1d. beyond such benevolent income. The sales have been 50,137, 1s. 4d., and the total income of the Institution, 62,219, 7s. 3d., being an increase of 161,18s. 1d.

Exeter Hall, yesterday, presented a solemn and interesting scene. Six natives of Madagascar, two of them females, were introduced by the Rev. Mr. Freeman, of the London Missionary Society, to a crowded audience. The appearance of these devoted servants of Christ, who, in the spirit of martyrdom, had risked life itself for his name's sake, excited the deepest sympathy for the illustrious sufferers themselves, and at the same time spoke volumes in favour of the Missionary efforts. We hope to be able to give in our next a more detailed account of the Meeting.

DESIGNATION OF GERMAN MISSIONARIES TO INDIA.

—On Monday last, a large congregation assembled at Fetter-lane Chapel to acknowledge and take leave of six Missionaries on their way to India. They are pupils of the Rev. Johannes Gossner, of Berlin, who is a converted Roman priest, now a minister of the Established Church of Prussia, and a man of truly apostolic character. The excellent men, whom he has now sent forth on their way to India, partake of his spirit. They go to that distant country without having received any pledge of support, but depending on the Lord of the harvest, whose are the silver and the gold, to supply their wants, while they are obeying his command, and going forth to preach the gospel of salvation to the heathen.

PROGRESS OF CHRISTIANITY IN INDIA.—The inhabitants of upwards of fifty villages in Bengal have requested admission to the Christian Church. Dr. L. P. Wilson, unable to visit them personally, deputed the Archbishop of Calcutta in his stead, who, in company with the Missionaries, passed several days in the examination of the candidates for baptism. Such were his convictions of the sincerity and Christian knowledge of these converts, that, in the language of the Apostle, he enquired, "who can forbid water?" They should not be baptised who have received the Holy Ghost as well we? and upwards of five hundred of them were at once admitted to the sacred rite. This is a practical answer to those who maintain the failure of modern missions. A few years more, and we shall see greater results than even these, as the consequence of the labours of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and the various Missionary Societies. The Christian Church in this country must stand prepared to supply a large additional number of Missionaries to India. They will soon be required to feed and fold the flock now increasing.

ENGLISH MONTHLY TRACT SOCIETY.—This Society held its annual meeting at the Institution-house, 20, Red Lion Square, on Wednesday evening, the 8th ult., Thomas Thompson, Esq., Treasurer of the Home Missionary Society, in the chair. The large rooms were very full. The meeting was opened with prayer, after which, Mr. Stabb, the Secretary, read