

## WEST INDIES.

We have at length obtained from the West Indies a satisfactory refutation of the unfounded and malicious statements which have appeared from time to time in the daily papers, with regard to the alleged insubordination of the negroes of Jamaica, and their indisposition to labour. We regret that any statement should, through inadvertency, have appeared in our City article, which seemed to attack credit to those insidious reports. At the same time, we cannot but remark, how much it is to be regretted that almost the only information transmitted through the medium of the daily papers should be of this unfavourable and dishonest character; so that we have often found ourselves in the predicament of being unable to give a positive contradiction to representations which we knew to be of the most suspicious character. It will now be seen, from the Rev. W. PHILLIPPO'S letter and other documents, that the planters and managers of estates in Jamaica, have combined for the purpose of misleading the Government and the people of this country by their dolorous accounts, for which the only foundation has been supplied by their own tyrannical and "uncompromising spirit." But their game is nearly up. We agree with our estimable friend, the Negro's friend, Mr. JOSEPH STURGE, that "such is the conduct of the managers of many of the estates, that, unless the proprietors at home immediately dismiss them, the time is come when the friends of the negroes should advise them to leave such estates and work elsewhere for more reasonable and humane employers." The address of the Baptist Missionaries to the Governor, Sir LIONEL SMITH, and his Excellency's admirable answer, will be read with the highest satisfaction, and cannot fail to make a strong impression upon the British public.—*London Patriot*.

## SANDWICH ISLANDS.

Among many other interesting particulars connected with this prosperous station, Mr. Armstrong, writing from Wailuku, East Maui, observes—

"Our congregation has increased considerably during the year, so much so, that our meeting-house, built only four years ago, forty feet by ninety-two, is entirely too small to contain all the people. So we have undertaken to build a stone one fifty by one hundred feet, with a gallery, and have made some progress in collecting materials. The natives, I expect, will do all the work, or nearly all themselves. During the past year

we have frequently had as many as 2500 present on the Sabbath, but our usual congregation is not over 1800.

Our church, like others, has been much enlarged since I last wrote you. Within twelve months past we have received 338 persons, which makes the whole number now in good standing 368. Eighty children only have been baptized. I did not stop at 338, because there were no others ready to profess Christ, or that give some evidence of piety; for in fact there are not a great many about us in these days, who do not think they are God's people. All are ready to say as did the children of Israel to Joshua, "We will serve the Lord;" but the fear is that the multitude will prove no more stable in serving God than those who uttered these words, and therefore it has not been without much anxiety that I have ventured to receive so many out of the many hundreds who profess repentance.

The church is now in a tolerably wakeful state. After four months trial, most of the recent converts appear well, and some of them very well. One only has fallen into open sin. The older church members, too, have greatly revived, and I think some of them recently converted. It is my constant aim to render the church not only holy in heart and life, but active in duty; and I am happy to say that, as a whole, the church does not lack in a willingness to do as well as they know how for the general good of Christ's kingdom. During the last year the church contributed in work, produce, and money, about \$250 for various benevolent objects, but chiefly for the seminary. They are now too much engaged in building their new meeting-house, which, for them, is a great work. I will mention also, that after hearing of the embarrassment of the Board, my people have pledged themselves to do what they can for my support during this year. This, too, without any suggestion of mine at the time. But their meeting-house is as much as they can accomplish the present year, or nearly so.

There are a few individuals in the church whose attainments in holiness seem to be of no ordinary stamp. Among these are our excellent Bartimeus and the wife of Mr. M'ILL, a Bostonian, a member of our church, and a good man. This woman is marked for her good sense, humble walk, untiring zeal, and unwavering constancy. Mrs. Armstrong has often told me that she exceeds any one in prayer she has ever heard. She is a great comfort as well as a great help to us. I am always sure of one attentive hearer and one ready for every good work. Among those recently received to our church, are an Englishman and two sons of Americans."