

WESLEYAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

THE MISSIONARY SHIP "TRITON."—The Wesleyan Polynesian Missionary ship is intended to sail early in the month of September. Various circumstances have combined to induce the nautical gentlemen, who have kindly undertaken to act as a committee for her direction, to arrange, that she should sail from Bristol as early in September as may be found practicable. She is entirely freighted with stores and presents for the various Missions which she will visit; and, indeed, the liberality of our friends has so far exceeded the capacity of the vessel, that many packages, intended to be sent by her, will have to be forwarded to Sydney by some other conveyance, and re-shipped on board the "Triton," when she has there discharged a part of her Missionary cargo. She will carry twenty-six passengers, including the families of the Missionaries and the Captain's family. Several other Missionaries, who cannot be accommodated in her, will sail by vessels bound for the Cape of Good Hope, or for Sydney. We commend these valuable men, and their families, and the vessels in which they sail, to the constant and prayerful remembrances of the friends of Missions. May He who controls all nature, and who is emphatically the God of Missions, have them under his almighty and gracious care!—*Postscript to Missionary Notices for September.*

EXTENSION OF THE SOCIETY'S MISSIONS, AND REQUIRED AUGMENTATION OF ITS FUNDS.—The Conference of the Wesleyan Methodists, which recently assembled at Liverpool, has accepted, and confirmed, the proposal of the Committee of the Wesleyan Mission, to send out nearly FORTY MISSIONARIES in the course of the present autumn. Some of these are required to supply vacancies occasioned by the death, or return to England, of Missionaries formerly appointed. But the greater part of the number are *additional*, for the enlargement of existing Missions, or the formation of new ones; especially in Western and Southern Africa, and in Australasia and Polynesia. The Committee have been encouraged to undertake this increased responsibility, from the striking providential circumstances connected with those regions to which these Missionaries are about to proceed; and by the assurance made to them, from most respectable quarters, of the certainty of that liberal and augmented support which the additional expenditure will render necessary. They have already had substantial proofs of the disposition existing to afford them the necessary aid; but they must remind their friends, that it is not a few instances of liberality, however gratifying, which can suffice for the exigencies of the Society, and that, unless there be a general effort in the way of enlarged subscriptions and contributions, and renewed diligence on the part of the Collectors, and other officers of the Society, they will not be able to proceed on their present scale of operations for the salvation of mankind, and the advancement of the divine glory, without danger of distressing embarrassment. The *extraordinary success and diligence of the work*, which are recorded in letters they continue to receive, encourage the hope that it will meet with *extraordinary support*; and that, in this centenary year of Methodism, they shall be enabled to sustain its long acknowledged character, of being "zealously affected" in the good cause of Christian Missions.—*Postscript to Missionary Notices for September.*

HONEST POVERTY.—One of the most extraordinary things of life, is to see the things which people are ashamed of, and the things which they are not ashamed of. To see that there are men of sense and education, ashamed of not being rich; ashamed of not being able to keep a carriage; ashamed that, in the

division of worldly things, enough has not fallen to their share to enable them to enjoy expensive pleasures; to wear expensive clothing, &c. One may excuse them for being sorry, but not for being ashamed. There is something extremely beautiful amid this world's hollow and idle pomp; amid its heartless and wearying show; its parade bought with tears and crimes. There is something extremely beautiful in the sight of a man poor, and not ashamed of being so; of one with just enough to live upon, with industry and economy, and content to pass through this pilgrimage, without an appeal to the common sentiments of the crowd.

Good humour is the clear blue sky of the soul, in which every star of talent will shine more clearly, and the sun of genius encounter no vapors on his passage. 'Tis the most exquisite beauty of a fine face; a redeeming grace in a homely one. It is like the green in the landscape, harmonizing with every color, mellowing the glories of the bright, and softening the hue of the dark; or like a flute in a full concert of instruments, a sound, not at first discovered by the ear, yet filling up the breaks in the concord with its deep melody.

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