

heart by the late Count Zinzendorf, from their very beginning, to his entering into the joy of his Lord. At first the Missions were but few, and the expences required for their support did not amount to very considerable sums. But as the Missions became more numerous from time to time, some members of the Congregation, and other friends, found themselves moved to take share in, and promote, by voluntary contributions, the furtherance of the Gospel; and this they did either by assisting the Brethren's Missions in general, or one or another Mission in particular. As these Missions continually grew more and more numerous and considerable, God has caused this kind assistance also to encrease. Yet now and then, particularly when new Establishments were formed, the Brethren who are appointed to provide for the Missions, have been obliged to borrow money for the purchase of as much land as was needful, for the building of dwellings for the Missionaries, &c. till they were enabled to pay it off again, as it came in. But that every thing relating to the Missions might be transacted in a suitable and orderly manner, sensible and faithful men are chosen from time to time, at the Synods of the Unity, who are appointed Deputies to manage the Diaconate of the Missions. They have the general care of the external affairs of the Missions in all parts of the world; they receive the voluntary contributions from the Brethren's Congregations and from other friends; for the Missions have no other funds than those Contributions; they do their utmost to defray the necessary expences by this means,