

rant," having laboured in Newfoundland, in the West Indies, and in Demerara, for 32 years;—Frederick Lewis, from Australia, where he had laboured 22 years;—James Calvert, from the Feejee Islands.—(loud applause,)—the companion of the ever-memorable John Hunt, and who had been in those parts 18 years, exposed to not a few dangers and difficulties, but preserved by the special providence of God, to return once more to his native land;—Benjamin Ridsdale, from the Cape of Good Hope, who travelled three years at home before he went out, and spent 13 years in that country;—(applause;)—and George Meadows, from the Gambia, where he had spent nine years, and whom it was indeed a marvel to see there alive and well. He (the Chairman) hoped to have had the pleasure of meeting other Missionary brethren, recently returned,—Mr. West, from the Friendly Islands: Mr. Jenkins, from India; Mr. Reay, from Sierra Leone, and others; but they were unable to attend. In conclusion, he requested that one of the General Secretaries would formally introduce the Missionaries to the meeting.

The Rev. Elijah Hoole said—It was with no common emotion that he answered the call of the Chairman. He well remembered Mr. Shaw taking his departure for Africa, now nearly 37 years ago. He hardly expected, when Mr. Shaw departed thither, and himself was about to go to India, that, after so great a lapse of time, they would again meet together in a Christian assembly, in this metropolis; but, having thus met, he would assure the meeting that he was filled with feelings of unusual gratitude to God for so great a privilege.Mr. Hoole then read the names of the Missionaries, who respectively rose, each amidst much applause. He also said he was sorry that the decorum of the meeting did not allow him to call on the heroic wife of Mr. Calvert,—(applause,)—who had more than once exposed her own life in order to save the lives of others, and who had laboured hard for the benefit of dark and benighted Feejee. (Continued applause.)

The Missionaries then stood up, whilst Dr. Bunting observed—It was right that he should express his mind to them, and the mind of the Committee, and also the

mind of all engaged in the Christian cause to which they had rendered such essential service, and that was, that he and they gave them, on that occasion, a most hearty welcome.....(The venerable Doctor then shook hands with each of them, and the scene was so affecting that nearly all present were in tears.).... They had had remarkable perils, and toils, and privations; but a day was coming when they would not think that they had suffered too much, or laboured too zealously, in the blessed service of their Lord. His prayer was, that God would ever have them and theirs in his most holy keeping, and that he would especially bless their devoted wives. He would now leave the rest of the service in the hands of his brethren, the Missionaries. He wished it were possible to hear them all; that, however, would not comport with the limits prescribed for that service. As Mr. Shaw had been away so long, and as they had watched his progress with so much interest, he thought it proper that he should first call upon that brother.

The Rev. Wm. Shaw said—The gratification he felt in being enabled to meet his Christian friends there, and particularly in meeting Dr. Bunting as their Chairman, was exceedingly great. Well did he remember the period when he first went out as a Missionary, and the godly counsels and wise advices which the Chairman then addressed to him;—he had found them all of singular benefit and advantage through the whole of his Missionary course. The kind reception he had received that afternoon at the hands of the Committee, had entirely unnerved him; he, therefore, felt quite unfit to address the meeting. He had stood in many a large assembly of naked Caffres, every man with his bundle of seven spears, painted with red clay, and shouting, or dancing, or otherwise going through the manœuvres of heathenism, and had felt no apprehension; on the contrary, he had begun to feel at home amongst those tribes; but, though he knew there were kind hearts in the present meeting, yet he did feel somewhat of a stranger's feeling, after so long an absence. He was reminded, when he looked among the Committee, of the absence, in the places where he had hoped to meet them, of some who