

Institution, the buildings in which it had been commenced having been twice levelled to the ground by destructive hurricanes. These discouraging circumstances exercise the faith and patience of the Missionaries, and at the same time, give them a strong claim upon the sympathy of the friends and supporters of the Society at home. But the Local Reports from the District exhibit also a bright side of the question. From *Tonga* the Missionaries write, that they realize the gracious promise of the Saviour to his faithful servants in the ministry of the Gospel, "Lo, I am with you always;" and that this cheers them in the difficulties and trials with which they have to contend."

FEEJEE.—The Mission-work in the important District of *Feejee* has suffered serious interruptions from the diminution which has taken place in the number of faithful labourers, male and female, chiefly by the visitations of disease and death. The Committee have made arrangements for supplying, in part, the vacancies which have thus been created, by directing that three new Missionaries should be sent, as soon as possible, from Australia to *Feejee*; but considerable time must necessarily elapse before they can acquire the language, and thus be able to enter upon the work in full efficiency. The brethren who have been left in the District, under the accumulated burden of cares and labours, which will continue to press upon them until they obtain adequate help, especially need all the aid which can be afforded by the sympathy and prayers of the friends of the Society. The official Reports from the District contain much information, which is thus partly of a painful character, but, on the whole, warranting the most cheering anticipations as to the ultimate triumph of Christianity throughout dark and cannibal *Feejee*. May the Lord hasten it in his own good time, when this people shall be added to "the Church," and included among the Saviour's triumphs in the Islands of the Sea.

AFRICA.

There are three Districts in Southern Africa, and the official communications from all, are upon the whole, satisfactory. The progress of the work is attested by an increase in the aggregate number of communicants; and by the fact, that in almost every station, there has been during the year, a greater, or lesser number seeking for admission to the privileges of Church Membership. The field comprised in these Districts is very—*very* extensive, and the cultivation of it, involves privations, trials, and hardships, of which Europeans can form no adequate conception. But the love of souls, and a desire to bring the outcasts of *HAM* to a participation of all "*new covenant*" blessings, lightens every care, makes the rough places smooth; and so engrosses the heart of our devoted brethren, that it is their meat,