

And furthermore, supplying the Spiritual necessities of the British Colonists in North America, together with the moral and religious instruction of hundreds of thousands of Negroes, who until lately were held in a state of Slavery.

In prosecuting the first of these objects, the Society employ at present 42 regular Missionaries, who are labouring with various degrees of success in Ireland, France, Gibraltar, Malta and Sweden. These are assisted by a number of Local Preachers, Translators, School Masters, &c.

In prosecuting the second of these grand and important objects, the labourers are indeed but few, compared to the magnitude of the work, and the vast extent of the countries over which they are scattered. It is, however, cheering to learn that about one hundred of the Society's Missionaries are thus employed.

With reference to the Society's operations on this side of the Atlantic, your Committee are happy to state that their Missionaries continue to occupy stations in the Islands of Newfoundland, Cape Breton and Prince Edward's. Also in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Lower Canada, and among the Indian Tribes of Upper Canada. And in nearly all the most populous Islands of the West Indies; the latter indeed have always been amongst the most prosperous of their Missions. The number of Missionaries in these Districts are as follows: Newfoundland, 11—Nova Scotia, 18—New Brunswick, 22—the Canadas, (including those under the direction of the Canada Conference) about 100, and in the West Indies about 80.

Your Committee will now dwell a few moments on the success with which it hath pleased Almighty God to crown the labours of this Society, especially during the past year. That we can form a correct estimate of the good effected by this or any other Missionary Institution, is perhaps scarcely possible. Hundreds receive benefit from the ministry of the word, and pastoral visitation of those Missionaries, who, from a variety of circumstances are not identified with them in Church fellowship, or returned as Members of their Society. And it may be enquired, who can calculate the measure of good that is being effected on the vast continent of India, by the religious conversation and the distribution of Tracts by the Missionaries, and which can only be considered as preparing the way for preaching the Everlasting Gospel?\*. It is therefore evident that the full extent of the benefits of their labours will not be known until the great day of Eternity shall disclose it.

Happily, God has given to this Society to see much fruit of its labours, in the conversion of precious souls. Every month

\* See Appendix to this Report.