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FOREIGN NEWS.

In our last Number we commenced a survey of the PROTESTANT MISSIONARY STATIONS throughout the world. Owing to the great press of matter now upon our hands, which we conceive would prove more interesting to our readers, we have thought it advisable, rather, to give an account of these several stations as we insert Missionary intelligence referring to them.

Through the medium of the AMERICAN MISSIONARY REGISTER, we have obtained some important intelligence relative to the operations of the CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY, from which we extract the following—Eight new Labourers received their instructions from the Committee, at a special meeting, held on the 24th of Sep. last, previous to their departure for Western Africa and the Mediterranean; six of whom, were accompanied by their wives, to assist in their benevolent labours. The following pertinent remarks of the Committee introduce a highly interesting REPORT of the REV. JAMES HOUGH, Chaplain to the EAST INDIA COMPANY, who was appointed by them to visit the Missions in Travancore.

The Committee indulge a persuasion that this Document will be perused with particular pleasure by the Members of the Society, and by all who appreciate the claims of the Syrian Church, on the benevolence of the Protestant Churches of Europe; whose deliverance from the spiritual tyranny of the Romish Church was effected by the Providence of Almighty God, at a period nearly coinci-

dent with the subjugation to that baneful Power of their Syrian Brethren in India. The rapacity and intolerance of those foreign oppressors roused a spirit of resistance among a portion of its victims, ere little more than half a century had elapsed; and a remnant of the people succeeded, amidst every possible discouragement and difficulty, in accomplishing their deliverance from the bondage in which they had been held. That remnant has succeeded in maintaining to this day the separation then effected, notwithstanding continuing endeavours on the part of the Romish Ecclesiastical Authorities of the country, to bring them again under their power. The connection with the Romish Church, during a period of sixty years, had, however, introduced a lamentable declension in the religious principles and mode of worship, and in the habits of most of the Clergy of the Syrian Church; and the morals of the people experienced a correspondent deterioration. These evils unhappily survived the union with the Romish Church, from which they had chiefly proceeded. Political degradation accompanied the decay of religion and social virtue; and, in this state, of general depression they continued, until attention was lately excited to their situation. It can scarcely be doubted, that, in proportion as the state of this Ancient Christian Community becomes known to the Members of the United Church, increasing support will be given to the measures in operation for the gradual introduction of a better order of things among them; and, in