

circle of religious friends, both Ministers and laymen, who loved him for the kindness of his heart, and other high qualities of his personal character, as well as for his work's sake. Of his own immediate relatives two daughters are the only survivors: one of them the wife of the Rev. John Martin, of Exeter. To them he was inexpressibly dear, and

their loss is irreparable. We mourn. But let us also rejoice in the scriptural doctrine that there is in a more perfect state than this a reward for the righteous: where "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

RECEPTION OF RETURNED MISSIONARIES.

Devout thanks will be offered to God, and admiration of Wesleyan Missionary devotedness and heroism will be felt, by the Christian on his reading the following report of proceedings from the *English Watchman* of June 11th; indeed it is suggestive of thoughts which expand and enchant the Missionary soul. How much and how long will sanctified men endure for the perishing; and true is that promise—"My presence shall go with thee!" We esteem this Meeting for Reception—with the revered Bunting presiding—as a convincing exhibition of the practical evangelism; and great usefulness of the Wesleyan Centenary Hall, and look upon these proceedings as those of a hallowed "Harvest Home;" and seldom is there a more vivid illustration of the Psalmist's touching declaration: "He that goeth forth and weepeth bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

On Wednesday evening last, a meeting was held in the Large Room at the Wesleyan Mission House, Bishopsgate-street, to receive the Rev. W. Shaw, (from South Africa,) and several other returned Missionaries.

The proceedings were commenced with the singing of the Hymn on the 447th page, "And are we yet alive!" (given out by the Rev. Dr. Bunting,) after which, the Rev. George Osborne read the 72nd Psalm, and the Rev. Chas. Haydon engaged in prayer.

The Rev. Dr. Bunting then took the chair and remarked:—He was gratified to see, by the attendance of the friends, that the occasion on which they were assembled was felt by them, as it assuredly was by him, and by the brethren in the ministry by whom he was surrounded, to be one of great and peculiar interest. They had there several of their Missionaries who had laboured, in foreign and dangerous climes, and who had not laboured in vain. He recollected, and so did some few of his brethren, the time when he parted with some of them,—when, with many tears and with

much holy anxiety for their comfort, health, and success, he commended them to God, just before they quitted their native shores. Others were better known to the friends present, because it so happened that they had had occasion, with the consent of the Committee, at one or two intervals, to return home for certain important objects. He doubted not that those Missionary brethren felt on that occasion an interest peculiar to themselves; for some of them had often heard of each other's labours, and rejoiced in each other's successes, but never until then had they seen each other. Altogether, the occasion was one of rare and peculiar interest, and demanded their hearty thanks to God, and earnest and united supplication for his continued blessing on those who were now to be received, and on those who were carrying on the work which they had had the honour to begin. The brethren present were,—William Shaw, (loud applause)—the apostle of Caffraria, who had travelled 36 years with high honour and singular success;—John Corlett, who was truly an "itine-