

districts can manage to spell the large characters on palm leaves. This is a great obstacle to Bible circulation, and similar methods of spreading the gospel. It is not surprising, therefore, that the secretary of the leading Missionary Societies in England should have considered that the establishment of a Christian Vernacular Education Society would be the best memorial of the Indian mutiny. The institution has been organised, and has obtained the support of the Evangelical Alliance. I hope that the religious public generally will come forward liberally on its behalf."

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It is with very sincere regret that we have to intimate, that the state of the Rev. Mr. Waddell's health has made it necessary for him to retire finally from the Old Calabar mission. After twenty-eight years of assiduous labours in tropical climates—sixteen in Jamaica; and twelve in Africa—he feels he needs the bracing influences of a more temperate region. In April, 1846, he went out to Old Calabar, and founded there the mission which he has had the great privilege of seeing fully established, and spreading its influence into the country around.—he has achieved a great and a difficult work—has linked his name with Africa as one of its benefactors; and has won for himself the honorable title of the Apostle of Old Calabar. As he is older in toil than in years, we trust that, after a season of rest he will gather strength, and be able for a lengthened period of effective service in the gospel at home. We feel that all our readers will unite with us in praying that he may be long spared, and may have opened for him a path of usefulness, which his talents, his grace, and his experience so eminently qualify him to fill. We adduce the following testimonies from his fellow-labourers as attestations of his zeal and fidelity as a missionary:—

The Rev Mr. Goldie says, 17th May,—“ Mr. and Mrs. Waddell leave by this packet, and their withdrawal is a serious subtraction from the strength of the Mission.— Our brother, from being the founder of the Mission, and from his superiority in age occupied a place in the eyes of the natives to which none of us can succeed, and had an influence with them greater than that which any of us can hope to exercise. He and his worthy helpmate have certainly spent themselves most freely and heartily in the cause of Christ here, as they did formerly in Jamaica, and, with unwearied industry, given themselves to the great work on which they were missioned by the Church. The impress of their labours will be long felt by the country; and from amongst the poor people of Old Calabar there will be to them a ‘crown of rejoicing’ in that day. While following them with our regrets, we at the same time, accompany them with our prayers, that the Lord would open to them a ‘door of usefulness at home,’ and long bestow on them opportunity and ability for his service.”

*Minute of the Old Calabar Committee, 5th May.*—“ On receiving, with deep regret, Mr. Waddell's resignation of the chair of the Committee, as preparatory to his leaving the Mission, the Committee would desire to record their warm esteem for, and high opinion of, him as a fellow-labourer, and of his service to the Old Calabar Mission. As the founder of the Mission, his name will ever be permanently associated with it; and as his services on its behalf, from its commencement, have been both unwearied and at the same time successful, his work will, by the divine blessing, live in the land, and future generations will be blessed in it. The Committee would also follow him, as he returns to seek the Lord's service among the Churches at home, with the earnest prayer, that his path may be made straight before him, and that the divine blessing may ever rest upon him and his labours.”

The following paper, brought home by the Rev. Mr. Waddell, was accompanied by a contribution of £71. This donation, which is from the Church in Creek Town, is very interesting, as being the first contribution given for the Lord's sake, and to the Lord, from Old Calabar. It is, as the Apostle says, a proof of the “ professed subjection” of the donors “ unto the Gospel of Christ,,” for which it becomes us “ to glorify God.” It is a hopeful evidence also, that the means may yet be found in Africa for helping forward the evangelization of that great country.