

To their labours among the Africans, they have been, however, generally enabled to attend, and the work of God in their hands is, we trust, in progress."

WEST INDIA MISSIONS.

"The Missions in our West India Colonies continue to repay the culture bestowed upon them, and to offer still more pressing and influential motives for the liberal support of the public.

Some difficulties have occurred during the year, from attempts at Colonial legislative restriction upon religious liberty, and in one instance persecution has occurred. The liberality and justice of His Majesty's Government have, however, in this as in former instances, been strongly marked; the Jamaica Slave Act, which afforded the ostensible ground for the imprisonment of one of our Missionaries, having been disallowed by an Order of His Majesty in Council. As to the general aspect and operation of those Missions, they are equally gratifying to philanthropy and to religion.

The Committee have great pleasure in reporting the extending influence and the increased efficiency of the Negro Schools connected now with almost every Mission in the West India Colonies. It is but a few years since they were commenced in their present regular form; they were by many thought impracticable; they have had in some places considerable obstacles to contend with; and they cannot, except in a very few of the islands, be even now exhibited as perfect models of order and efficiency. In many places they are, indeed, subject to great changes and interruptions, owing to the circumstances of society. The want of teachers is frequently and painfully felt; that class of labourers in this department being but comparatively few, except as they have been formed in the larger and older Societies; but, considering the state and circumstances of the children and their parents, the prejudices against education which have existed, and the paucity of subordinate agents, it may be said with thankfulness, that a great work has been commenced, and is constantly acquiring increased energy. Upwards of 5000 children are entered in the regular schools, and a much greater number are under catechetical instruction."

MISSIONS IN BRITISH AMERICA.

"From the British American Colonies the accounts are very favourable. The Missionaries occupy upwards of thirty Stations, which give them, in most places, access to the neighbouring settlements; in many of which there is no other provision