

(Hear.) I have read with the highest satisfaction some of those rules which are for the guidance of those whom you send out to engage in your missionary work, and you will perhaps allow me to notice one or two which especially struck my mind.

"We cannot omit, without neglecting our duty, to warn you against meddling with political parties, or secular disputes. You are teachers of Religion; and that alone should be kept in view. It is, however, a part of your duty, as Ministers, to enforce, by precept and example, a cheerful obedience to lawful authority. You know that the venerable Wesley was always distinguished by his love to his country, by his conscientious loyalty, and by his attachment to that illustrious family, which has so long filled the throne of Great Britain. You know that your Brethren at home are actuated by the same principles, and walk by the same rule; and we have confidence in you, that you will preserve the same character of religious regard to good order, and submission to the powers that be, in which we glory. Our motto is, 'Fear God and honour the King; and we recollect who hath said, 'Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers: to obey magistrates, and to be ready to every good work.'"

I find also the following, amongst the instructions to those labouring in the West Indies—

"The Committee caution you against engaging in any of the merely civil disputes or local politics of the Colony to which you may be appointed, either verbally or by correspondence with any person at home, or in the Colonies. The whole period of your temporary residence in the West Indies, is to be filled up with the proper work of your Mission. You are not to become parties in any civil quarrel; but are to 'please all men for their good to edification;' intent upon the solemn work of your office, and upon that eternal state, in the views of which the Committee trust you will ever think and act."

Now, from all I have ever been able to hear and to observe, I have found with great satisfaction, that upon these rules—which are not rules of your society or body alone, but rules of the great Founder of our faith,—you act at home, and your ministers and missionaries are guided by them abroad. With the highest satisfaction I have lately heard how well, how loyally, and how peaceably your ministers have demeaned themselves in the West Indies. [Hear, hear.] This circumstance is to me, and to all who desire the happiness of our West India fellow-subjects, a matter of the highest gratification. I do trust, and hope, and pray, that in this spirit your labours will be continued, and that we shall all unite in the desire to exalt and to glorify Jesus, our common Saviour. It is to him we would direct the attention of our poor perishing fellow-subjects, and poor fellow-sinners; it is his name that we desire to magnify, as the name of Him who came to seek and to save that which was lost, and who is able to save to the uttermost all that come to God by Him. I trust, my dear christian friends, that our meeting together this day will be accompanied with the divine blessing,—that we shall find it good for us to be here,—and that we shall all endeavour to promote that simple yet grand object for which we have assembled—to make known Jesus Christ the Saviour, even to the ends of the world. [Applause.] In his name may we lift up our banner; by his Spirit may we be influenced, and quickened, and actuated; and thus going forth, and thus going forward, we may hope that he will still be with us, and that he will honour you—as he has greatly honoured you already—in being instruments of casting down the idols of the poor benighted heathen, and making known his great and precious word throughout the world. [Applause.] I will not detain you longer, than by again expressing the gratification I feel in being permitted to be among you to-day, and my earnest desire and heartfelt prayer is that the blessing of the Most High God may be in the midst of you. (Loud Applause.)

The Rev. JOHN BEECHAN then read an Abstract of

the Committee's Report, presenting a view of the Society's operations in every part of the globe. It commenced with Ireland where there are 23 missionaries and 34 schools. In this mission field much remains to be done; and the Committee expressed their thankfulness for the prospect of additional funds from the Centenary Committee, "to be appropriated to the extension of Scriptural education in Ireland;" there being only four Scripture readers employed under the auspices of the society. The Report next proceeded to give many interesting particulars of the missions on the Continent of Europe and in the Mediterranean—including the stations in Sweden, Germany, France, Spain, and Malta. In the capital of Sweden the labours of the Rev. Mr. Scott continue to be crowned with success. The royal sanction had at length been obtained for the proposed chapel which is now in course of erection; 100*l.* had been received as a contribution from the Swedish Missionary Society; and Mr. Scott's sister had taken the charge of the Mission School at St. Bartholomew's. The successful operations of the society in Ceylon and continental India, were next adverted to; and, in concluding this part of their report, the Committee expressed their gratitude to the friends of the society, for their efforts to effect the withdrawal of the government sanction to East Indian Idolatry, and indulged the hope that this stain upon the British character, and formidable obstruction to the spread of the Gospel would speedily be removed. The Report next stated several gratifying circumstances as to the state and prospects of the South Sea Missions; a new mission, under favourable auspices having been established among the aborigines of Australia. In detailing the labours of the society's Missionaries in New Zealand the Committee adverted, with thankfulness, to the failure of the attempts made in parliament to reduce New Zealand "to the condition of a British Colony, on the plans and principles of the New Zealand Association;" and stated that the committee of inquiry appointed by the House of Lords, the members of her Majesty's government, and other hon. gentlemen, constituting the large majority against the second reading of the bill, were justly entitled to the gratitude of the friends and supporters of missions. It appeared from the report, that in the Friendly Islands, and the interesting group of Feejee, the missionary cause was prospering, and a yet larger measure of success was anticipated, when the missionaries obtain the assistance which the "Wesleyan Missionary Ship," recently purchased, is intended to afford. In the Friendly Islands there are 7,716 members in society, 7,555 children in schools, and upwards of 1,200 converted natives, teachers in schools, chiefly gratuitous. In Feejee there are already 213 converted natives, members in society, besides 84 on trial. The committee adverted with satisfaction to the appointment of the Rev. John Waterhouse, as the General Superintendent of the Society's Missions in Australia and Polynesia. The abstract of the report then gave in succession, interesting accounts of the Missions in Southern Africa, including Cape Town District, Little Namaqualand, and Great Namaqualand;—the Albany and Kafferland District, where the missionaries are prosecuting their labours with great encouragement; the Bechuana District where the operations have assumed an encouraging aspect; in Western Africa, where the state of the work is very gratifying; in the West Indies, to which the committee referred with more than ordinary satisfaction, especially Jamaica, notwithstanding that the missionaries "have been harassed by an unnatural opposition, excited against them by two faithless brethren." The general conduct of the negroes connected with the society, afforded additional cause for gratitude, and the faithful and successful services in this country of the Rev. Edward Fraser, who has returned to his labours in

the West Indies, veneration and esteem trying circumstances in British North America which rendered dispensably necessary a deputation from Albert Alder, one of the members elected by Mrs. Alder to visit the scene of the scene of carrying out the present state of

The Rev. Dr. I had himself, and so your, in the address fine two qualities commended by the I will endeavour our friends will keep time to think. (I am not too much endeavour to be an exceedingly here to-day, as the a kindred association blessing of God upon uninterrupted from year to year the darkening of our country, and through our metropolitan, though our sentiment to pause in fresh impetus—(Hear.) It is no watchword is "Come we shall go, till, far associations in countries, there is a portion of a tribe of men, the glorious gospel in standing not be permitted co-adjutor, who the pledge of peace was repeatedly notes.) In testimony sent warm hearts to tell you, that world, and its sufferer and nobler emblems of timber. if I could give you should have much when to stop, why cause involving and which ascribed were made. The unintentionally. (Laughter.) Hymn with whistlings, (renew upon the part of you are in debt, happiness of secular laughter,) know witnesses everywhere and applause gentleman has led you, which, (Renewed laughter) mention one could be remembered upon which we vacuum; and we experience, that