

The missions in FRANCE continue to present circumstances of encouragement. Prospects of a revival of true religion in this interesting country, in which the reformed Churches were once so greatly distinguished for the learning of their divines, and the courage and patience of their confessors and martyrs, are pecuniary gratifying to the friends of religion; and such prospects do certainly present themselves.

The GIBRALTAR Mission appears to be in a state of considerable prosperity. It is a station of great and increasing importance; from the facilities which it furnishes to our missionary employed there, as well as to other pious persons, to spread the light and influence of religion, by means of the Scriptures and useful tracts, among the foreigners who resort to that garrison, and in Spain, where a spirit of religious inquiry continues to increase.

From WESTERN and SOUTHERN AFRICA, where there are at present eleven Missionaries employed, the most encouraging information has been received. In *Western Africa*, notwithstanding the unhealthiness of the climate, which continues to interrupt the labours of the Brethren or remove them by death, the work is extending: prospects of usefulness present themselves on every hand; while men of piety, zeal, and ministerial ability, are found; who, not counting their lives dear unto them, so that they may win souls to Christ, cheerfully offer themselves as ambassadors to the heathen in this region of darkness, disease and death.

In *Southern Africa*, our missions wear the most encouraging aspect. Letters have been received from Messrs. Hodgson and Broadbent of a very gratifying nature, both as they state their personal safety, (for which great anxiety has been felt) and the commencement of a missionary establishment in a part of the country which promises to open the door to the diffusion of christianity among a numerous people.

Mr. W. Shaw, upon the commencement of the Caffre Mission, writes as follows:—"With the view of arranging with the Caffre Chiefs, and of selecting a situation for our first missionary station in Caffreland, I took a journey into that country the latter end of July, and returned in the beginning of this month. Through the good

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