

direction of the native agency, and in the general management of the Missions, the anticipation of most important results might now be reasonably indulged.

IN WESTERN AFRICA, the important Mission at *Sierra Leone*, continues to enjoy much prosperity.

Through the blessing of God accompanying the appointed ordinances of religion, the work of religion both deepens and extends. There is an evident improvement in the tone of personal piety among our people, and there has been a nett increase of Three Hundred and Fifty-eight in the number of full and accredited Church-members during the last year. The most serious difficulty which is now experienced at this Mission has resulted from the rapid increase which has taken place ; in consequence of which there is not Chapel-room sufficient for the accommodation of the people, nor could a sufficient amount of subscriptions be raised upon the spot to erect large new Chapels to meet the exigency which has arisen. The number of Church-members and Scholars connected with the *Bathurst-street* Chapel at *Freetown* is Eleven Hundred and Seventy-six ; but the Chapel will not accommodate more than Six Hundred persons. The *Grass-Field* Chapel will only contain Seven Hundred, but the Church-members and scholars alone amount to Thirteen Hundred and Seventy-nine ; and the *Gibraltar* Chapel, also is not half large enough to contain the congregation. Exertions have been making for some time to raise a sufficient fund for the building of the proposed new "*Bunton-Chapel*," and the sum of Seven Hundred Pounds has been contributed towards it by the people ; but the amount received from all sources is not yet sufficient to meet the expense of the erection. The Missionaries write upon the subject with great feeling and earnestness, apprehensive that the work must eventually suffer, if sufficient Chapel accommodation cannot be provided for our religious Societies and Congregations. In the Education Department, progress is made. "We are using," the Missionaries report, "the best agency of which we can avail ourselves ; and, upon the whole, the Class of Teachers now employed are superior to any we have ever before had in the service of the Mission." The Missionaries refer to the Training Institution in a very encouraging strain. They