

frequent wars greatly impeded the work of the missionaries, but they laboured through good report as well as evil. In twelve months after the formation of the mission, a Sabbath school was formed for the Kaffir children. The first class-meeting was attended by six natives, one of whom said, "I am always glad when I hear the bell ring to call us to church. I could not be at rest to live where I could not hear the great word." Mr. Shaw would sometimes leave home for five or six days and visit distant tribes. Some of his journeys were exceedingly tedious, as he had literally to make his own path in the wilderness. He would often sleep out of doors, or on the floor of the native hut. Sometimes he would be in perils and would be necessitated to take shelter in the branches of the trees, as his best place of safety from the ravening wolves and other ferocious beasts of prey. During the period of his General Superintendency, he was often from home six months in the year, during which he would seldom sleep in bed, and once his friend Shrewsbury and he slept twenty-two nights in succession in the open air.

The success of the first Kaffir mission greatly pleased him. Some three hundred families took up their abode near the mission premises, and for several years prosperity crowned the labours of the missionaries. But Wesleyville has often been destroyed by the Kaffir wars; now it is the scene of missionary toil, and it is to be hoped that the tocsin of war will not again be heard in all the peaceful habitations.

After some years' residence in Africa, Mr. Shaw returned to England, and spent three years in the town of Leeds. He was frequently employed on missionary deputations, when his narratives did not fail to greatly interest crowded congregations and fanned the flame of their missionary zeal. He was soon, however, called to return to Africa. The information he had given respecting the wrongs of the Kaffirs, and the erroneous policy pursued by those in authority, made him a person of influence, and he was often called to give his views of certain questions which were then agitating the public mind. The Kaffir wars were ended, and the Government entreated the Wesleyan Missionary Society to recommence their labours among that people. Mr. S. was accordingly sent out again, and soon had the satisfaction of seeing the various missions re-established. He was now in reality a travelling