

A testimony of no inconsiderable value has been given to the excellency of Missionary labours amongst the slaves, by the Legislature's voluntary offer of immediate emancipation of all the slaves in the island of Antigua : an offer which has been accepted by His Majesty's Government : so that Slavery on that beautiful and fertile spot is now only a matter of history. It can no longer be denied but the moral power which has so long been exerted over the negro population there, has prepared them to receive this great gift ; not that it is to be supposed, instances could not be found yet of the darkest ignorance and the most debased morals : but the influence of religious instruction is so generally diffused and sanctioned, that while legislators and political economists were doubting and disputing the practicability of emancipation at some far distant day, the slave-holders here have such confidence in the character of their people that they offer to snap the chains themselves. The clergy of the Established Church, the Moravians, and the Wesleyan Missionaries have been the only labourers in this island ; and well are they rewarded for their patient and honourable toil. These shores were the first to receive the venerable Dr. Coke, the founder of our Missions ; as Mr. Wesley, under God, was the founder of our Societies ; and on the battle-ments of Antigua the signal might first have been seen proudly waving in the breeze, " The Sons of Africa are free !"

SOUTHERN AFRICA.

At *Cape Town*, and in the places adjacent, the Missionaries are diligently endeavouring to extend the cause of Christ, and the divine blessing is seen to rest upon their labours. Turning to *Albany*, it is delightful to witness the exemplary and Christian character maintained by the settlers who emigrated thither from this country.

Graham's Town, the capital, now contains upwards of 4000 inhabitants. Several places of worship have been erected, (two of the largest of which belong to the Wesleyan Society,) the ordinances of religion are regularly attended, and the Sabbath is generally observed. The prejudice of caste, which prevailed among the old Dutch settlers, has no existence ; the watchful care of the Missionaries having wholly prevented its introduction into the Societies and congregations ; and in the chapels there, persons of different colours and nations are seen united together, as one brotherhood, in which no invidious distinction, founded on the colour of the skin, has any influence.

Among the *Caffre* tribes the cause of Christianity is steadily advancing. Every year the number of true converts increases ; but it is not by this circumstance alone, however gratifying, that the magnitude of the work in *Caffraria* is to be estimated.

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