

watered the Churches that Mr. Wesley and Mr. Whitfield had planted. He likewise visited Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, and the West Indies, establishing Missions in all these places, which still exist. Now this was done at a time when no other Protestant Church, except the Established and the Moravian, had engaged in any Foreign Mission.—The success which attended their labours, encouraged them to proceed, though exposed to great difficulties and dangers. But although the Methodists had Missionary establishments in America, and the West Indies, which were supported from their general funds, they had no particular Society set apart for directing them; they were left to the special care of Dr. Coke, and it was not till after the death of this worthy clergyman on his passage to the island of Ceylon, that a Methodist Missionary Society was deemed necessary. It is impossible to contemplate the end of this good man and zealous servant of God, without pausing a moment. It appears that the propagation of the Gospel in Asia was a subject that had rested upon his mind for more than twenty years, and, during all this period, he was strenuous in his exertions to get the Conference to agree to it; but, for a long time in vain. A prospect of being useful did not offer itself till lately, but as soon as this happened, it was determined to visit Asia with the Gospel. Dr. Coke was full of joy at this determination, and with the zeal, fortitude, and energy of youth, he presented himself at the age of 67 years, to conduct the enterprize; but it was too much for his strength, and he died on the passage—“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labours.”

In the first general Report of the Wesleyan Missionary Society for 1818, the number of Missionaries employed in different stations to disseminate the Gospel is 103. Of these one is stationed in Gibraltar with great advantage. In France, several attempts have been made to stir up the Protestants to a greater earnestness for the truth, and likewise in the Netherlands, and with such success as to encourage them to persevere. The Report contains some very interesting details, transmitted from Africa by the Missionaries stationed in that vast continent. In the West Indies, it is now generally admitted, that the labours of the Missionaries have been useful; it appears that no fewer than forty are employed in the different islands, and their success among the Blacks, is very considerable; nearly