

fested in Goshen Congregation, under the care of Mr. Jameson, for during this year they raised a collection of upwards of eight pounds to be devoted to this object; and in 1840 so lively an interest was taken in the projected African Mission, that in this congregation a society was formed, which in a short time consisted of a hundred members, having for its object to assist by their means and prayers, what was the great wish of their hearts—the sending of the gospel to their own people. They thus proved the sincerity and strength of their own gracious principles, by an anxiety and zeal to be the instruments of salvation to others, and especially to those with whom they felt themselves closely connected by the ties of blood.

The Presbytery met at Goshen in July, 1841, and they spent two days in anxious deliberation in regard to Africa, and in earnest prayer for direction from God as to their duty in this matter. Many were present, besides most of the members of Presbytery, from the deep interest they felt in the African question before them. The ministers all spoke on the subject, and each expressed his willingness to go with those young negroes who had been in course of training for missionary work, to that distant quarter of the world, should God call.

In prosecution of the work to which the Presbytery had devoted themselves, Mr. Waddell was sent to Scotland in January, 1845, with several coloured persons, who had been trained for missionary labour, that he might excite an interest in the projected mission, and ascertain whether sufficient encouragement might be obtained for prosecuting it,—being himself willing to go to Africa as the pioneer of the Churches in carrying the news of Salvation to the heathen. He was cordially received in Scotland, and ample funds being provided, he directed his course, with his companions, to Old Calabar, on the west coast of Africa.

It was soon found necessary that the Jamaica Presbytery should appoint others to aid in this arduous work. The general impression now was, that Mr. Jameson should be sent with an additional band of labourers to carry on the work. Although Mr. Jameson had been long under the impression that this step would be necessary, and be required, yet he did not anticipate it as so near at hand; and he was pursuing and multiplying his plans of usefulness at Goshen. But in December, 1845, he received a letter from Mr. Waddell, containing the following pressing appeal:—"I beseech you to make every effort to prepare a few more competent men, not only of piety and natural talent, but of good education, to follow very soon; and I hope, dear brother, you will be ready yourself to follow next year, with the band of coloured people. I know your heart is in this work; and whether I die or live, you must be prepared to follow and carry it on."

The members of the Jamaica Presbytery had long been looking to Mr. Jameson as the fittest person for the African Mission; and they now determined that he should proceed thither as soon as the necessary arrangements could be made. It was painful to his natural feelings to leave his flock in Jamaica; but believing it to be the will of God, he immediately made up his mind to obey the call. He now put himself in correspondence with his friends in Rose-street Congregation, who soon gave their concurrence in a truly Christian spirit.

Accordingly, on the 6th of July, 1846, Mr. Jameson sailed from Jamaica, and arrived in Scotland on the 27th of August. His health being rather impaired from repeated attacks of fever, and his long continued arduous labours in the hot climate of Jamaica, it was necessary that he should spend some time in his native country, to recruit his bodily vigour before proceeding to Africa. But from his anxiety to be at his post in the new scene of missionary labour, to which Providence had appointed him, his visit to his relatives and friends, whom he tenderly loved, but with whom he was willing to part for Christ's sake, was, after all, but a passing visit.

On the 31st of October, 1846, he sailed from Liverpool; and the numerous