

are now circulating throughout the Holy land. By the indefatigable exertions of the Revd. Mr. O'Connor, of the Church Missionary Society, channels have been opened for the circulation of the Scriptures "not only throughout the Islands of Candia, Rhodes, and Cyprus; but in all parts of Syria." Mr. Wolf, a converted Jew, has lately visited Jerusalem, where he was eminently successful in the distribution of the word of God, among the Jews. We have much reason to believe, that the time is not far distant, when the same pure worship, which was practised in the primitive ages of Christianity, will again illumine this land of gross superstition and Idolatry. The AMERICAN BOARD FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS, sent out two labourers for Palestine in 1820—Messrs. FISK & PARSONS. They landed at SMYRNA in January—spent the summer of the same year at SCIO—returned again in the fall to SMYRNA; where Mr. Parsons left Mr. Fisk to labour in that and the neighbouring places, as opportunities might offer, while he proceeded to Jerusalem; visiting in his way SCIO, RHODES, CASTELLO, ROSO, CYPRUS and JAFFA.—Mr. Parsons is said to have spent a pleasant winter at Jerusalem, distributing the Scriptures and Tracts; and reading with Priests and monks, the WORD OF GOD. He here took a survey of what he supposed would be the ground of his future labours; but God, in his great and mysterious providence, had designed it otherwise. Mr. Parsons died at Alexandria, in Egypt, Febr'y. 1822, while making the tour of that interesting country. As soon as this afflicting occurrence was known to the AMERICAN BOARD OF MISSIONS, the Rev. D. TEMPLE was sent out to supply his place. The highly important and valuable communications received from Mr. Fisk & Parsons relating to the state of the Jews, upon the eastern borders of the MEDITERRANEAN, excited a truly commendable and praise-worthy spirit in the breasts of the religious world; and especially among the inhabitants of the United States.

The American board, fully impressed with the high importance of this mission, and the necessity of an increase, engaged two other missionaries, Messrs. GOODELL and BIRD, who sailed from New-York the 9th Decr. 1822. The FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY in Paris, about the same time sent out their first MISSIONARY, a MR. KING, (who is to act under the direction of the American Board) who had been for some time previously, qualifying himself, by a study of the Oriental languages, to labour in this important region. Thus there are, at the present time, five missionaries engaged in the Palestine Mission. There have been many travellers to the Holy Land, within a few years past; and they all testify to the necessity of missionary exertions there. The Syrian Patriarch, formerly Archbishop on Mount Lebanon, visited England in 1819—was very cordially received; and returned with a Printing Press, to be established upon the Holy Mount, to enable him, with greater facility, to afford to the thousands of needy and perishing souls, the words of eternal life. The American Board of Missions have a Printing establishment at MALTA, which will prove another to the many engines now in operation, to illumine the dark borders of the Mediterranean. MALTA is the seat of Missions in this quarter. Here the Rev. MR. JOWETT was sent by the Church Missionary Society in 1815; and his "Christian Researches" exhibit the great extent of his labours. The leading object of the Mediterranean Mission is the revival of the Christian Churches bordering upon this sea.