

fray the expense of printing 2000 copies of the New Testament in the language of NEW ZEALAND.

The Report of the NEW SOUTH WALES Auxiliary has arrived, accompanied by a remittance of 200*l*.

VAN DIEMAN'S LAND.—The Auxiliary at Hobart's Town has remitted 100*l*. and ordered 220 copies.

The Rev. Mr. Williams, of the London Missionary Society has brought with him, from Australasia, a translation of the New Testament in the language of a group of Islands named RAROTONGA. Your Committee have granted 100*l*. to cover expenses already incurred in the preparation of this version; and have engaged to defray the expense of printing 5000 copies, under the superintendence of Mr. Williams.

The accounts received from MADAGASCAR continue to be most deeply interesting. Mr. Freeman writes:—

"I entertain the expectation that the whole of the population in this part of the island will become, within a very short time, a reading population. The thirst for learning to read at the present time is not merely gratifying—it is surprising. The desire has increased so rapidly and so extensively, that we have not been prepared to meet it; nor is this desire confined to any particular class of the people. . . . 'We are sowing and reaping almost at the same moment. We have abundant encouragement in our work: but we are craving for more copies of the Scriptures—seed to sow, that the harvest may yet be more abundant, and the Lord of the harvest be magnified from north to south in Madagascar.'"

There have been granted 400 reams of paper for the purpose of carrying forward these important labours. An edition of 5000 Testaments in the MALAGASSE has been augmented to 10,000; and 5000 copies of the Books of Genesis, Proverbs, and Isaiah, are now in the press.

100 French and 100 English Bibles have been cheerfully voted to the Rev. L. Banks at the MAURITIUS.

100 Bibles and 300 Testaments have been forwarded to CAPE TOWN in the course of the year; and, subsequently, an application has been received from Dr. Philip, of Cape Town, for Dutch and English Scriptures. 250 Bibles and 500 Testaments have been sent.

On the subject of supplying the Emancipated Negroes, Dr. Philip writes:—

"I blush for my fellow-colonists and for myself when I state that the number does not perhaps exceed five hundred; but we now look for better times; and if you can send us 1000 or even 1500, we may hope that we may soon find use for them."

1500 have accordingly been forwarded.

250 reams of paper have been sent to GRAHAM'S TOWN for printing the Scriptures in the Caffre language; and a small supply of Scriptures in English.

A remittance has been received from SIERRA LEONE, amounting to 39*l*. 13*s*. 8*d*.; and supplies have been forwarded of 286 Bibles and 350 Testaments.

A Committee, formed at Southampton for benefitting the Foulah tribe, has solicited 50 Bibles and 200 Testaments for the Rev. Mr. Dove of MACARTHY Island. An additional supply of Arabic Scriptures has been sent, with a few English.

The Rev. Mr. Ewald, Missionary to the Jews at TUNIS, has sent a very satisfactory account of the distribution of 970 copies, principally in the Hebrew, Arabic, Italian, French, and Modern Greek. 500 Hebrew Pentateuchs have been forwarded to Mr. Ewald.

The AMHARIC Bible has advanced to ii. Sam., under the care of T. P. Platt, Esq.

The Rev. Mr. O'Connor has requested 150 Bibles, for the free Negroes at ST. HELENA, which have been sent.

A few Portuguese Bibles have been applied for by the Rev. Mr. Austen, formerly of Demerara, on the occasion of his proceeding to PERNAMBUCCO.

At the last Anniversary Meeting, the Rev. Hugh Stowell, in the course of his address, observed—

"I should propose that a separate fund might be raised, in order to put a copy of the word of God, into the hand of every slave, in his own language; as I know of no boon that can so well compensate him for the wrongs he has sustained, as the gift of those Scriptures which make known the pearl of great price."

The suggestion thus thrown out came early under the consideration of the Committee; and it was resolved,

"That a copy of the New Testament, accompanied by the Book of Psalms, in a large type and substantially bound, be tendered to every person receiving the gift of freedom on the approaching 1st of August, who can read; or who, though not able to read, is the head of a family in which there are readers, or children learning to read; such parties receiving a recommendation from a minister, teacher, or employer."

The contributions for the purpose have now amounted to 15,007*l*. 18*s*. 7*d*.; and your Committee rejoice in stating, that this extra subscription has in no way interfered with the Society's usual receipts. The period for the delivery of the books was originally fixed for December 25, 1834; but, at the earnest request of several Missionaries, has since been extended to August, 1, 1835.

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