

The cause is prospering at Peiter Maritz-Berg, and other places. The native work in every branch is in a very healthy condition, and in order that it may wax stronger and grow larger, nothing is required but more funds. As this is the case, although we may be perplexed we will not despair, for the Lord is on our side, and the gold and the silver are his.

**WESTERN AFRICA.**—The interesting colony of Sierra Leone continues to advance. In every circuit there has been an increase of members; and the Wesleyan Methodists now constitute the largest of the religious denominations included in the annual census. The intelligence from the Gambia is encouraging; and the reports from the Gold Coast, Ashanti, &c., speak of the continued prosperity of the work in very gratifying terms. A recent letter states—"Never has the work of God in this District been known to assume so cheering an aspect." Glory be to God.

#### AMERICA.

In the latest published report of the Parent Society a very large space is devoted to this section of the great Missionary field. The West Indies particularly have always largely shared in the sympathy of the Committee; and for their civil and religious liberty the British Wesleyans have long and faithfully laboured. The mission for a long period continued in a languishing state, but the servants of the Lord went on, labouring at his command—sowing beside all waters—often sowing in tears, but now they reap in joy, and present their sheaves as offerings unto "the Lord of the harvest."

The accounts from the Antigua and Demerara District call for unfeigned thanks to Almighty God; and in the Jamaica District, although the commercial interest is greatly depressed by the equalisation of the sugar duties, the cause of God advances, and the fruits of its progress are seen and felt in the conversion of souls, and in the enlargement of congregations.

**THE BAHAMA DISTRICT.**—A review of the state of the work in this sphere, affords sufficient evidence that the Lord is in the midst of his people. And in Hayti, notwithstanding much opposition, the word is taking hold of many hearts, and the schools are prospering. With respect to **BRITISH NORTH AMERICA** generally, a great deal is being done among the aboriginals and new settlers, and in the older and more matured districts, the last year has been one of great temporal and spiritual prosperity.

"On thee we humbly wait,  
Our wants are in thy view;  
The harvest, truly, Lord, is great,  
The labourers are few."