

praise of all denominations. The two Missionaries first sent out, Messrs. Carey and Thomas, have reflected the greatest credit on the Society by their great prudence, zeal, and diligence, and they have entitled themselves to the admiration of the Christian world, by their extraordinary exertions in translating and publishing the Scriptures in all the principal languages of the East. By the last report of this Society, it appears that forty-three Missionaries are employed; and, that besides preaching, and translating, and publishing the Scriptures, they are busy in establishing native schools. The number of these has greatly increased during the last year, and as the advantages derived from them become more and more evident, applications for the establishment of new schools are made from various quarters, and to an extent far beyond the present means of our brethren to defray. For the regulation of these schools, the Missionaries have lately drawn up a comprehensive and systematic plan, the result of much experience and long deliberation, and which has been highly approved of by the most distinguished residents in India.

The Missionary Society is supported by almost all denominations of Christians, and may therefore be called the General Mission. After the publication of Cook's Voyages, a great interest was excited in the public mind for the inhabitants of the South Sea Islands, which he had visited. And as they appeared to be gentle in their manners, and of tractable dispositions, it was deemed practicable to convert them to Christianity. A Mission to these Islands was proposed, adventurers volunteered for the service, but when the time of departure arrived, they shrunk back, though they had been a year under tuition, to prepare themselves for the enterprize. The project was again renewed, a society was formed, and a general meeting convoked in London. Subscriptions poured in, and candidates in abundance presented themselves, from whom thirty were selected, six being married men. Every possible precaution was taken to secure success, as far as the foresight of the directors could secure it. On the 20th of August, the ship *Duff* sailed under the command of Capt. Wilson, who had left his retirement for this purpose, a man well qualified for the charge by temper and opinions, as well as professional skill.

The difficulties which these Missionaries experienced, and the little success which attended their labours, as well