

Society in the kingdom of Ashantee, on the Western Coast of Africa, which, with its vast population of four millions, has, in all its parts, become accessible to Missionary operations. That the General Committee may be enabled to embrace the favourable opening thus presented for the establishment of a Mission in the Capital of the kingdom, a special subscription has been commenced—as it affords the only means by which, in the present state of their general funds, they could prudently undertake this arduous enterprise with the promptitude and vigour for which it loudly calls. Two Missionaries have been already sent to Cape Coast, and so soon as the special fund for that purpose shall amount to £5,000, five others will immediately follow them, making in all eight new Missionaries to Cape Coast and the Ashantee Kingdom. Mr. President Maclean, with several members of the council, have manifested a lively and zealous interest in this Mission, and have afforded to the Rev. T. B. Freeman, the Society's excellent Missionary, every facility in their power for the prosecution of his judicious and successful plans. According to the latest advices from England, it may be presumed that the special fund is, by this time, completed; also, that the band of Missionaries will, in a few weeks, embark in their dignified enterprise. Judging from present appearances, little doubt can be entertained but that a brighter day is dawning upon African nations, than has ever yet been witnessed.

HUDSON'S BAY.

A new and extensive field of labour and usefulness has, during the past year, been opened to this Society in that part of the North-Western section of America, which constitutes the territory of the Honourable the Hudson's Bay Company. In addition to the European and half-caste population residing at the numerous forts and stations belonging to the Company in those immense regions, there is in the Southern department of the territory an Indian population, amounting to upwards of Ten Thousand souls. In the Northern department, extending in a Northerly and Southerly direction from the height of land which divides the waters that flow into the Lakes Superior and St. Lawrence, from those that flow into the Mississippi and Missouri, to the high land that divides the waters which fall into the Polar Sea from those that flow into Hudson's Bay; and in a Westerly direction from Hudson's Bay to Rocky Mountains, there is an Indian population of One Hundred Thousand souls. To these long-neglected children of the far North and West, our way is now open, in consequence of arrangements into which the Committee have entered with the Governor and Committee of the Hudson's Bay Company; and thirty Missionaries might at once be employed in guiding their feet into the way of peace.

Four Missionaries have already been sent to commence this new undertaking; and should it please the God of all Grace to smile upon it, the day cannot be far distant when the Gospel shall be preached by the Missionaries of this Society across

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