

24th.—I had considerable liberty this afternoon in discoursing from the narrative of the rich man and Lazarus, to a deeply-attentive congregation. I am attempting to enlarge our borders by opening new schools, and new places for preaching; and am zealously seconded by the Local Preachers on this station, ten in number, independently of about the same number who are resident at other islands, where they conduct schools, classes, and public worship. Their zeal is truly encouraging, and their talents and knowledge are far from despicable. In visiting the new places,

some will have to voyage from thirty to fifty miles direct; and I have no doubt but that their visits and instructions will be highly beneficial.

30th.—Yesterday I preached thrice, as usual, and I think I may report progress, as it respects my knowledge of, and facility in, the vernacular tongue; and I may certainly state that our converts are increasing. At the commencement of this year we numbered five hundred meeting in class; at the end of six months we numbered nearly fifteen hundred. To God, whose marvellous work it is, be the praise ascribed!

In the Friendly Isles there are four hundred native School Teachers, and about one hundred native Exhorters or Catechists.



WEST INDIAN MISSIONS.

In this part of the work, the favourable change which has taken place in the condition of the Slaves has been the occasion of throwing open many doors of usefulness which before were inaccessible. The Society at home were not inattentive observers of this; but made a "special effort" to increase the number of its Missionaries; in this they were most cordially seconded by the British public. Amongst the names of contributors to this design are found some of the highest rank in the Church, the Bar, and the Senate. The liberality of the Ladies in Manchester, (England,) is worthy of being known wherever a Methodist Mission is founded. Manchester had contributed Six or Seven Hundred Pounds for this special Fund, raised by the Society for the West Indies; but the ladies thought that in such a case they ought to do something additional: they therefore projected a Bazaar, by which they raised One Thousand Pounds sterling, and presented it to the Treasurers at the last Annual Meeting held in London. In all, upwards of Seven Thousand Pounds were raised to increase the number of Missionaries in the West India Colonies.

The Society has now Seventy-one accredited Missionaries in the West Indies alone, not including catechists and other subordinate agents, and is already responsible for the spiritual care of nearly Thirty-two thousand persons, members of our community, of whom nearly Twenty-three thousand were slaves. This number is exclusive, it should be remembered, of the children of our people, and of a very large number of persons, of all colours, who attend the public ministry of the Missionaries as hearers, but are not recognised as regular members.