

All, certain to pass away at no distant period, and many thousands of them probably before this year has closed."

"Who, indeed, is sufficient for these things! Who might not shrink from any share in this great responsibility!"

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It is our painful duty to announce to our readers, the departure to his everlasting rest of the Rev. WM. WARD, D. D. one of the Baptist Missionaries at Serampore, who has been so long, so honourably, and so successfully labouring in the translation of the Holy Scriptures, and in the preaching of the Gospel for the benefit of the benighted inhabitants of India! but our regret is moderated and sweetened by a sense of that divine goodness which has so remarkably preserved the lives and health of this devoted servant of Christ, and of his colleagues Carey and Marshman, in a climate so hostile to European constitutions, and which has proved so fatal to many of their fellow labourers in that infinitely important work. We trust that we shall be enabled to present our readers with a brief memoir of Mr. Ward in a future number, and in the mean time we most thoroughly recommend to their attentive perusal a small volume of Letters on Missions, written by Mr. Ward, on his return to India after his visit to Europe and America some years ago; it is one of those books which should have a place in every Christian's library. In that excellent little

volume the Faithful Missionary "being dead yet speaketh."

It is consoling to observe that while the great Head of the Church is calling some of his servants to rest from their labours, he is raising up others to supply their places, that the number of the heralds of salvation is rapidly on the increase, and that the Missionary spirit is diffused more widely than ever before. The snows of Canada are melting beneath the sun of righteousness. Young men are found who are ready to devote themselves to the glorious work of carrying the glad news of salvation to the heathen, and who we trust are destined to be useful Missionaries of Jesus Christ.

We have heard, among other evidences of the existence of the missionary spirit in this country, that the Ladies of Stanstead have exerted themselves in the cause of Missions, and forwarded to the American Missionary Society, a box of clothes of the value of about sixty dollars.—Are the Ladies of Stanstead to have all the honour of missionary exertion in Canada? are there none of our fair country-women who will imitate so noble an example?

We learn from a friend who has recently visited the Eastern Townships that there are about thirty Sunday Schools, eight of which he was instrumental in putting in operation in the course of his journey. We trust that in these Seminaries the great object of Sabbath Schools is constantly kept in view, namely, Religious Instruction, and that by close, affectionate and faithful conversa-