

that the objection of the King for the establishment of a School having been removed, one has been actually commenced for the instruction of the juvenile Ashantees.

These events are well calculated to awaken lively feelings of joy. In such feelings the Parent Committee largely participate. But they do not forget that in that dark region of the earth, the battle has yet to be fought. In unison with the Missionaries, (who represent themselves as keenly alive to the difficulties and dangers of their advanced position) the Committee would prepare their minds, and call upon their friends of the Society to prepare theirs, for temporary disappointment, discouragement, and delay. The history of the Christian warfare, in every age, from the day of the Apostles, forbids the expectation that the powers of darkness will surrender one of their inmost citadels without a struggle. The contest may be severe; but this is the encouragement of the Missionary hosts—they are not engaged in a doubtful contest. Ultimate and complete success awaits them, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it; and, while faithfully applying themselves with unwearied perseverance to the duties which the favourable commencement of the Mission impose on them, the friends of the Society may be allowed to indulge in the anticipations of faith, that the empire of Ashanti will become one of "*the kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ.*"

Our old and interesting Missions among the white and coloured population of the WEST INDIA ISLANDS have amply repaid all the toil and suffering of the succession of our valuable Missionaries for now upwards of eighty years: during which period it is calculated that upwards of fifty thousand of our converted Negro brethren have passed "through death triumphant home!" The present generation of Negro Methodists in the West Indies, do great honour to their Christian profession—and have furnished, in that part of the world, the most triumphant attestation in favour of the Wesleyan Missions.

In the Island of HAYTI, our Missionaries have suffered great alarm from the late tremendous earthquake there; but we are happy to say neither of their valuable lives have been permitted to fall a sacrifice. Six Missionaries are employed there, who have more than five hundred Church members, between five and six hundred Sunday scholars, and fifty gratuitous teachers. The Island is now suffering from a violent political convulsion, which, it is hoped, may be overruled for the furtherance of the Gospel.

In the whole of BRITISH AMERICA our Parent Committee employ about one hundred ordained Ministers, at eighty-three central stations, each including a number of subordinate appointments and congregations. They have nearly eight thousand scholars in their schools, and more than one thousand unpaid teachers. More than fourteen thousand Church members are under their pastoral