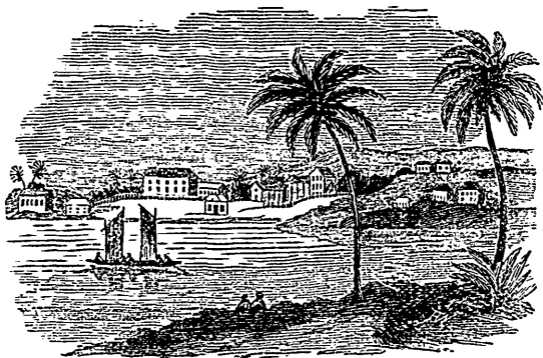


on the cross for sinners; when the hearts of these susceptible children of nature melted, and tears began to roll down their cheeks. Such was the account given by the intelligent but unconverted mouth-piece, of the silent teacher, when he afterwards visited the mission; but he knew little what treasures of salvation he may have been instrumental in conveying to souls in that unknown and distant little village. And no man can know, until the great day: but it is a precious proof that God's Providence cares for His word, and his spirit accompanies it, though sown by the heedless wind, like a withered leaf on the heathen waste.—*Christian Treasury.*

### FREE TOWN, SIERRA LEONE.

#### EARLY MISSIONS

It is very interesting to read the early history of Protestant missions all over the world, and of the first efforts of those great Missionary Societies which can now count their missionaries and mission-stations by hundreds. The first station



occupied by the missionaries sent out by the Church of England Missionary Society was Free Town, Sierra Leone, in Africa. This was in the year 1804—fifty-three years ago. Many a good man has gone forth to preach the gospel to poor Africa since that time, and many of her sable children have been turned from darkness unto light.