

*Record* the sketch of missions, gave a short account of the formation and progress of the Wesleyan Missionary Society. A number of places in Europe, Asia, Africa and America were pointed out, where successful Mission stations had been placed, and many dead souls been raised to newness of life, by the words of truth taught by the Missionaries. A Missionary station in a heathen land is like a light house on a bleak and rocky coast. The light house is placed there, to warn the captain and sailors of the ships that sail by, that there are rocks and shoals at hand, and to direct them to keep to their proper course. It is also often placed at the entrance of a harbour to guide the vessels safely in. Jesus said to his disciples, ye are the light of the world, and a little community of disciples, is just a light house to warn sinners, that they are in danger of perishing for ever, and to invite them, to take refuge with Jesus Christ. Perhaps, you thought from what you read last, that this Society must be very large and very active to have done so much, you are right, it is very extensive and very zealous, but the half has not been told you, you only read about the first fruits, the harvest is yet to be gathered in. In the year 1815, this Society employed two Missionaries in Europe; in 1840, twenty-five Missionaries laboured in fourteen different stations. The year 1815 witnessed their first attempts to invade the strong holds of Idolatry in Asia; and in 1840, twenty-two Missionaries and 17 assistants were imparting to those who had abandoned their gods made with hands, the knowledge of the only one true and living God. In the West Indies alone, within the same period of time, the Missionary staff had increased from thirty-one to forty-eight. In Africa the father-land of the black and coloured population of the West Indies; instead of *two* Missionaries to rear the Gospel standard as in 1815, we find twenty-five years after, a band of *fifty-two* fighting the battles of the Lord.