

increasing in strength, and latterly became too urgent to be longer neglected. While the committee have been engaged in raising to a state of greater efficiency the Missions of the Society in India, New Zealand, and other places, in preparing an extended School system for the instruction of the negro and coloured population of the West Indies, and in establishing the new and important Mission in Fejee, the religious instruction of whose extensive population had been to so great an extent, providentially committed to the Society, the number of our missionaries in this part of Africa had been diminished rather than increased. Through the Divine blessing attending the labour of the Missionaries, the work of religion, had, however, considerably prospered, and the spirit of inquiry had been so greatly excited among the natives, that it became imperatively necessary either to send out additional labourers, or to relinquish, to a painful extent, the important advantages which had been gained at the cost of so many years of toil and privation on the part of the Missionaries, and of so great an expenditure of the funds of the Society. The Rev. W. Shaw, General Superintendent of the South African Missions, and his brethren, at length, pressed beyond measure with the difficulties of their situation, earnestly implored the Committee to send them immediate help, or if that could not possibly be done, to allow them to concentrate their strength within a more limited field, on which they might be able to bestow adequate means of cultivation, instead of diffusing their labours over a wider surface, and awakening among a greater number of natives a desire for instruction, which could only end in disappointment. This appeal was irresistible—and the committee were convinced that it would be a criminal betrayal of their trust were they not to presume upon the approbation of the Society at large, in meeting the emergency—an emergency which had arisen from the very success of past endeavours, and in answer to prayer—by strengthening the ranks of the missionaries and thus enabling them to embrace some, at least, of those openings for greater usefulness which presented themselves. A number of well-qualified individuals—some of whom had been employed in the ministry at home, while others had been trained in the Theological Institution—were accordingly selected and appointed, who have safely reached their destinations and have entered upon their important work. The Rev. JAMES ARCHBILL and family, and the Rev. W. J. DAVIS and family, have returned to the sphere of labour which they had so usefully occupied for many years; besides whom *nine* additional missionaries have been sent to this part of Africa; and it is confidently hoped this increased agency will be rendered extensively useful in diffusing among the tribes of the interior the influences and blessings of our Divine Christianity.

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