

less, it is believed, than will ever be contributed in future. A sincere joy is felt that the Society is out of debt ; though if any thing could make the old debt acceptable, it was the faith that gave it existence. The Providence of God was pressing ; for multitudes of waking heathen called for help ; and it was not the habit of the lamented Joseph Taylor, Watson, Beecham, and others, to close their ears to such a cry,—and men were sent forth, and their support was thrown on the people in noble faith ; and, as in the ancient times of Methodism, that faith is honoured, and many Missions have been established which would have had no existence but for the debt. And to God be ascribed eternal praise, that while financial circumstances are so auspicious, the Society can report its 458 Central Stations scattered through the globe, its 633 Missionaries, 886 other paid Agents, and nearly 10,000 unpaid Agents. This is the imposing result from a small beginning ; but it is difficult to say whether the Supreme Being honours the Society most by this result, or by the numerous and loud Providential demands now made for more labourers to be sent by it to the ends of the earth.

### APPEAL FOR MISSIONARIES.

It is affecting to read the following official statements in the last English Notices received, headed, “LABOURERS WANTED FOR THE FOREIGN FIELD,”—statements similar to others we have seen in several of the recent numbers. We sympathise with the Committee, and pray that the appeal of the General Secretaries may be very successful.

“The General Secretaries of the Wesleyan-Methodist Missionary Society will be glad to receive communications from Ministers in the Home work who may be disposed to give their services to the Missions for a term of years or for life. The law of demand and supply, and the supreme law of God that his servants should be ready for any service He may have for them to perform, inspire the hope that at this juncture there are many Ministers only waiting this intimation to offer themselves willingly to the service of Christ in Foreign lands. Married Ministers whose families are not so large as to increase greatly the cost of their outfit and passage, and single Ministers, also, are invited to lay to heart the wants of God’s work.

In addition to other vacancies which might be specified are the following :—

**GIBRALTAR :** From which the Rev. George Alton is returning, after a lengthened period of arduous service.

**CEYLON SOUTH :** Which requires a supply in the place of Dr. Kessen.

**THE MYSORE :** Mr. Little and Mr. Morris have desired leave of absence.

**CHINA :** The Committee having in reserve a donation of £500 for the preparation of two men for that important Mission.

**KAFFRARIA :** Four additional Missionaries are required for the line of stations connected with Beecham-Wood, where the place of the lamented Rev. James Stewart Thomas has yet to be supplied.

**SIERRA-LEONE :** Two Missionaries in the place of Mr. Smyth, who remains in the West Indies ; and Mr. Reay, who had charge of the Institution at King Tom’s Point.

**THE GAMBIA :** One is wanted to join Mr. Gurney on that station.

**THE COAST OF GUINEA :** Mr. Gardiner has not yet been relieved from his important station at Lagos, after seven years’ residence on that coast.

**THE WEST INDIES :** The lamented death of Mr. Ritchie, and the return