

which convey it to tanks under or near the house. This is the only fresh water available. A magnificent stone building has just been completed as a governor's residence, and being situated on a high hill commands a view of the islands. When a vessel is sighted it is made known all over the island by a flag from the governor's flagstaff. If one understands the code of signals by the color of the flags he can tell what kind of a vessel is sighted and just where it is. On another hill not very far away is the admiral's residence, a low, rambling wooden building surrounded by beautiful grounds. In these grounds passages have been cut out of the rocks down to the water's edge and a tunnel has been built under the highway. There is a good deal of similarity in Bermudian houses, nearly all having a verandah often two stories high. Lamps are used for the most part, candles in curious bell-shaped glass stands being strictly adhered to in some of the older families. One of the most interesting houses is that occupied for a short time by the poet Moore. It is a small oddly-planned house with small rooms and low ceilings. On a tree in front of the house a bell used to hang. In former times church bells were all hung on trees.

The principal islands are divided into parishes—Pembroke, Devonshire, Sandip, Warwick, Paget, etc.,—each having its parish church. There are a few churches of the Roman Catholic, Methodist and Presbyterian denominations, but the Church of England prevails. Black and white attend the same church—one or two churches are confined to the blacks alone and have a colored minister—the former occupying seats at the back of the church and the latter the front pews. The churches are quite pretty though plain, and built of white coral limestone which in the older churches has grown grey. A few are very old and crumbling to decay. The oldest, St. Luke's, at St. Georges, is still used and has many memorial tablets of officers who died of yellow fever. Old Trinity church, in the city of Hamilton, was burned several years ago and a large sum of money has been spent on a new and large building, but severe storms have damaged it so many times and so much money has been wasted that it seems well-nigh useless to attempt to finish it. Many of the churches have pipe organs but there are few good players. The churchyard either surrounds or is close by the church. The graves are lined with stone and the caskets of each family piled upon one another and sealed with a plain stone slab bearing an inscription, or having the initials of the family cut in the edge of the stone.

There is a public school system and an inspector of schools. These schools are attended largely by negroes, the white children attending a few private schools. The people are fairly well educated but are easily satisfied, preferring to drive, drink afternoon