

these are reputed to be wealthy. A number are in good circumstances, making a comfortable living as store-keepers and mechanics and farmers. The rest are poor. The contributions from our white people on this circuit average more than ten dollars a head for the support of the ministry alone.

It is, perhaps, proper to say that our expenses here are much greater than in Nova Scotia. Most of the necessities of life are usually about double the price they are in the Lower Provinces. We have, in consequence, some extra allowances, without which we should be very badly off. Were it not for this, these circuits might, at an early day, become independent.

The additional labourer is for Hamilton Circuit, and I presume that Bro. Wasson has explained fully the circumstances which render such a supply necessary. At St. George's the five principal forts, the barracks, and the camp are all within a short distance of our church. We have, therefore, very good attendance at our services, both morning and evening. The average now is about fifty. This is less than the usual number, as the regiment stationed here at present (the 87th) has only twelve Wesleyans in it, and but few Protestants. A good many, however, from the two batteries of artillery and two companies of engineers attend our worship. The hospital on this station, which the chaplain is required to visit once a week, is within fifteen minutes' walk of the parsonage, so that the work here is easily done. As the result of being able to give attention to the military, the labours of our ministers have been rewarded by the conversion of a very considerable number of those men, who, since, have adorned the doctrine of God their Saviour. Any *additional* labourer who may be appointed, however, will have no connection with

this work. It will still be necessary for the minister resident at St. George's to be appointed, as he now is, "Chaplain to the Wesleyans in the army," and duly gazetted as such.

But the headquarters of the troops is now at Prospect, about two miles from Hamilton. The same number of troops will usually be stationed there as in St. George's, viz., one regiment of the line, two batteries of artillery, and two companies of engineers, together with the army service corps. Few, comparatively, of these attend our worship at Hamilton. It is too far away, and the minister has little opportunity of becoming acquainted with them. I have found, too, that there are really more "Wesleyans" in the army than are enrolled as such. Many who were brought up in our Sabbath-schools in England, &c., children of Wesleyan parents, have, upon their enlistment, allowed themselves to be put upon the roll as "Church of England," not caring at the time what place of worship they attended. Several such have, under my own ministry, been brought to God, and are now members of our Church. I need not enlarge upon the importance of this work. I think it very desirable that we should be in a position to give the military at Prospect as much attention as they receive on *this circuit*. The work at the dockyard and in the navy is of great importance, and I have no hesitation in confirming Bro. Wasson's view as to its requirements.

We feel very glad to have such expressions of interest in our work here as your letter contained, and trust that we shall ever have your sympathy and your prayers.

Bro. S. F. Heustis, representative of the N. S. Conference on the Missionary Board, who is at present in Bermuda seeking health, joins me in affectionate regards.

In the Bermudian Islands there are reported 1,850 attendants upon public worship, 480 Church members, and 4 Missionaries.