

well as on the vile misrepresentations which a certain portion of the Press seems willing to propagate, on every matter connected with the interests of the emancipated negroes, or with the arduous and disinterested exertions of the Missionaries in their behalf. We were therefore delighted to find in Her Majesty's speech from the Throne, on the prorogation of Parliament in August, the high and unequivocal testimony which she bears to the conduct of the coloured population in Jamaica. Her Majesty's language is: "The conduct of the emancipated negroes throughout the West Indies has been remarkable for obedience to the law, and a peaceable demeanour in all the relations of social life." Here then is the testimony of the highest Magistrate in the realm to the good conduct of these hitherto abused and calumniated people. The secret, however, of so truly wonderful a fact as the universal peaceable demeanour and obedience to order of nearly a million of slaves, just loosed from cruel and degrading bondage, is found in the constraining power which the Gospel of Christ has exercised over them, under the prudent and exemplary direction of his ministers. Where in modern or ancient times can be found a more striking exemplification of the sanctifying influence of the genuine doctrines of religion, or where shall we look for so strange and sudden a change of a grossly ignorant, immoral, and almost brutified population transformed in a few short years into an orderly, peaceful, and happy community?—*Halifax Christian Messenger.*

ST. ANN'S BAY.*

The following statements come from Mr. Abbot, the Missionary at this station :

During the past year 157 were added to the church at St. Ann's Bay by baptism; 4 were received, 2 died, 1 was dismissed, and 2 were excluded.

To the church at Ocho Rios 49 were added by baptism; 6 were received, 1 was restored, 1 died, and 1 was excluded

To the church at Coultart Grove 53 were added by baptism; 59 were received, and 1 was restored. None were removed by death, and 1 only was excluded.

The clear increase at all the stations is 222 members; the total number of members 826, and of inquirers 1399. 153 couples were united by marriage; and 657 persons became subscribers for Bibles, the greater part of them for family Bibles.

A church has not yet been formed at Stacey Ville, but 148 persons' names are enrolled on the list of inquirers; and I have occasionally administered the ordinance of the Lord's Supper to the members at present attached

to Coultart Grove, who reside in that district.

The total number of children in our day-schools is 253, and in our Sunday-schools 1243.

The foundation-stone of our new chapel at Ocho Rios was laid on the 1st of June; and the building, which is neat and substantial, 80 feet by 40 feet, was opened for public worship on the 7th and 8th of December.

The Mission premises at Stacey Ville, in Clarendon, were set apart for the worship of God, by brother Reid, on the 7th of July.

Thus has our merciful God enabled us to provide additional accommodation for those who desire to sit under the sound of the Gospel, and to lend our feeble aid in promoting the triumphs of the Cross. He has mercifully blessed us with uninterrupted peace: a spirit of harmony and love has prevailed at all our church-meetings, and characterized our intercourse with each other; and we are left to mourn only that we are not, individually, more fully conformed to the mind and will of our blessed Redeemer, and to pray for a spirit of unreserved devotedness to his service and glory. Pray for us, dear sir, that we may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

I cannot omit recording, with feelings of lively gratitude, that another year of freedom has passed away, without any of those evils occurring which our enemies predicted would be the result of emancipation. Peace and prosperity have invariably attended a kind and equitable system of management. There has not been, to the best of my knowledge, one person, in connexion with the churches under my care, convicted of any crime; not one vagrant; not one who would rather beg than work; not one who has applied to the parish for relief; and, I believe, most of my brethren can say the same. These are pleasing features in the history of a newly-emancipated peasantry, and to their instructors form a delightful source of encouragement.—*Baptist Missionary Herald.*

BROWN'S TOWN, ST. ANN'S.

On Sunday, June 7th, the ordinance of believers' baptism, in connexion with the above station, was administered in the Sea at Pear Tree bottom, by the Rev. Messrs. Clark and Dutton.

Mr. Clark commenced the service by singing, after which he read some portions of Scripture referring to this ordinance, and on them ably maintained his position as a Baptist, and with Christian candour and good feeling contended that those who advocated Infant-sprinkling had neither Scripture precept nor precedent in their favour. Mr. Dutton prayed, and then addressed the