

liberality flow in a deep and extended channel—let brotherly love abound, and heaven-born charity excite and guide all your efforts in this good cause, until through the word of the Lord, the knowledge of his glory shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

### WEST AFRICA.

EDINA. *Extract from Mr. Mylne's Journal.*

Mr. M. is a Missionary from the *American Baptist Board of Foreign Missions*. Under date of April 8, he says:—

"This morning seven candidates were baptized by Br. Davis in John's river, and in the afternoon were added to the church. The Lord has almost surprised me with his goodness, and to his name be all the glory.

This evening preached to the church from 2 Pet. iii. 18. "But grow in grace," &c. Felt something of the importance of the subject, and although very feeble and languid, the Lord strengthened me, and granted me more than usual liberty.

One of our native boys, named Sama, wept very much at the baptizing this morning. To-night I took an opportunity to converse with him alone, and asked what was the cause. He replied, 'Because I do bad thing; and that make me cry.' I asked what he had done, thinking that he had done some bad thing recently that distressed his mind, and specified a number of things; but found out, at last, that it was on account of the general course of rebellion he had seen himself chargeable with, in the sight of God, in days past. When I called him into my room, I said, 'Well, Sama, how do you get along?' He answered, "I love to do good all the time." "Do you think God has given you a new heart?" "Yes, I think so." "Do you think God loves you?" "Yes." "How is it that God loves you and gives you a new heart, when you do so bad all the time as to make you cry so much when you think of it?" "I beg him." "But suppose you steal from some one, and then beg him to forgive you, 'this no set the palvaer; you must pay penalty.'" He saw the force of the illustration, but was at a loss to tell how God could pardon sinners: this I endeavoured to explain. I asked him what he prayed for when he spoke to God. He said, 'I beg his pardon, and I thank him.' Here I specified a number of things he should ask God for. He replied, 'That be thing I say all the time.' 'When you go to pray to God do you feel happy?' 'Yes, I feel good sometimes.' I had a conversation with Sama some days ago, with which I was much surprised and pleased. He told me then he had got a new heart, and loved God; and there seems to be a marked

progress in divine things. There is an artless sincerity and docility about him that is very pleasing, and I cannot but hope the Lord has indeed given him a *new heart*. He is about twelve or thirteen years of age, and has been with us nearly two years. His deportment has been uniformly correct for his years, and nothing could ever be laid to his charge. He possesses talents that will make him useful, and says he wishes to go back among his countrymen, and tell them about God and the way of salvation."

On the prospects of the Mission generally he says, "I see no cause for discouragement in any respect, all things considered. The experiment thus far shows that its object is practicable. The success, it is believed, is as great as could have been reasonably expected from the amount of labour, and the many imperfections that cleave to it; and if our churches have only the right spirit, they will never want *men* or *money*; or lament at last, that they have laboured in this field in vain."

Mr. Mylne has since been obliged to return home on account of his health: the other Missionaries continued well.

### CLERICAL DOMINATION IN CANADA!

We beseech our readers to mark well the following statement; and if it do not rouse them to instant exertion in behalf of their liberties, we must despair. Let them without delay memorialize the Governor. No time should be lost: another month may be too late. If not, we shall return to the subject.

"THE FIFTY-SEVEN RECTORIES.—We have been favoured with the perusal of a copy of the legal and united opinion of the Law Officers of the Crown in England on the erection and endowment of fifty-seven Rectories in this Province. It has been decided that 'the erection or endowment of the fifty-seven Rectories by Sir John Colborne are valid and lawful acts;' and 'that the Rectors of the Parishes so erected and endowed have the same ecclesiastical authority within their respective limits as are vested in the Rector of a Parish in England.' Verily we may indeed boast of the 'glorious uncertainty of the law.' We have, from the beginning, inclined to the opinion that the act was *legal*, though it was an impolitic and an unjust act, as was forcibly stated by our predecessor at the time of its first announcement. But it was averred again and again by the Attorney General during the two last sessions of our Provincial Parliament, that the Rectors had no power