

over this very interesting class. We have numbers of soldiers in our classes, but they would be increased largely if we had a man to attend to their interests.

3. The Naval work is necessarily much neglected. This is the chief naval station in America. There are many Methodists among the crews of our war-ships; while in the dock-yard, the number of our adherents is very considerable, and quite intelligent. To this branch of our Missionary work we cannot give half the time it really needs. We are consequently brought to the conviction, after very careful consideration, that two things should be done, if Bermuda is to be properly worked.

The islands should be directly under the control of the Missionary

Board, still retaining their intermediate relation to the Nova Scotia Conference.

An additional man should be sent here, set apart entirely to military and naval work.

This might involve additional expenditure; but it will be seen, by a comparison of figures, that the amount of money now raised in Bermuda for ministerial support, and as Missionary contributions, exceeds the outlay. So that, with an additional man even, bringing us increased support here, Bermuda would still, in all probability, be self-sustaining.

In behalf of the Ministers and Officials of the Methodist Church in Bermuda.

W. C. BROWN, *Secretary*.

RED RIVER DISTRICT.

WE give an extract from the last communication of the Rev. E. R. YOUNG, just on the eve of his leaving Beren's River and the Indian work, in which he has been successfully engaged for eight years. Considering the large outlay for Mission premises at this place, it will be gratifying to realize the expectation cherished, that the surplus Indian population will settle at Beren's River instead of the Society being put to the expense of beginning and maintaining a new Mission at Fisher River, which our most recent information leads us to fear will have to be done. The account of the religious services is encouraging, and cause of thankfulness.

Last Sabbath was, perhaps, the most interesting and encouraging one we have spent on this Mission. Our place of worship was crowded, yet many had to remain outside. Some of the old Indians, who, in spite of our pleadings, had clung to their paganism, renounced it on that day in a most emphatic manner. Seven of them, after been questioned as to their thorough renunciation of their old superstitions, and of their present faith in Christ, were then and there baptized.

At the afternoon service several

more were baptized, among them an old man, perhaps, seventy years of age, with his wife and grandchild. He had never been inside a Christian sanctuary before. He had just arrived from the vast interior eastward of this place, the country I visited under so many difficulties last April.

This old Indian brought down with him the Bible and Hymn-book which I had given him months ago. He stated, that although he could not read them very well, yet he kept them close to him by day, and under