

these services? The chapel bell is tolled—the priest, preceded by three boys carrying a crucifix, and two lighted candel, chaunts the service for the dead in front of the funeral procession. Of course, the dress, etc., can be suited to the amount of money paid. Or should the friends be too poor to pay much, the priest contents himself with meeting the funeral at the door of the chapel.

Though I have spoken of discouragements, and confess that I feel less sanguine about extensive and immediate success, than I did at first, it is not because I feel in the slightest degree dissatisfied with my sphere of labour, but simply because better acquaintance with the people enables me more correctly to estimate the difficulties to be overcome. These may be, and are great, but not insurmountable. Our God is omnipotent; his promises are all yea and amen. Some of our people here are crying for God's blessing on this wilderness—and it will come. May we have ere long Pentecostal showers of divine influence. Though the attendance on Sabbaths is not so good at this season, the attendance at our evening school and prayer meetings is steady and most encouraging. Nor is evidence wanting that good is being done. In reading, writing, and arithmetic, many are making very gratifying progress. Through the liberality of the Missionary Society, of Campbell Street Congregation, Glasgow, (Mr. Ramage's), I got lately a box containing 100 United Presbyterian Hymn Books, and 50 Bibles and Testaments, the proceeds of the sale are designed by them to aid in the extinction of the debt on our church here. A good number of both have been sold, and are greatly prized by the people. Singing always forms part of our exercise at the evening schools, and now the singing in the church is greatly improved. I often hear both children and old people singing hymns, that are special favourites with them by the way side. Since coming here I have admitted two persons to the fellowship of the church. We had an election of elders the other week; the person chosen was at one time hero of the Sabbath brawls in the village. He has been for some years a consistent member of the church. His ordination takes place on Sabbath next. I rejoice heartily at his election; and hope that now when we have a session, we shall be better able to devise and work out plans for the good of the congregation, and of the whole district.

At *D'Abadie's village*, two miles beyond this, and which is a thoroughly popish village, the meeting are in the meantime very good. I went there first in the month of March, on the Friday afternoons, and preached by the road side. I did this to avoid stirring up opposition at once, by having the meeting in any of the people's houses. I continued this until the rain interrupted me. I then told the people that I would require to discontinue coming until the rainy season was over, unless they could furnish me with a house. I changed the meeting to the Sabbath afternoon, and had at once a larger attendance. I have also begun a school for adults there on Tuesday and Friday afternoons, at an hour which leaves me time to be home for our evening school here. About three weeks ago, the priest went, stopped in the middle of the village, and denounced me for coming, and all who encourage me to come. I felt afraid at first that, as the meeting had been so short time established, it might break it up altogether. However, it has had the opposite effect in the meantime. It has had the effect of taking away a number of children, but has brought a larger attendance of young men. These few Sabbaths we have had about forty present, and from twelve to twenty at school. The young men are very anxious to receive instruction, and interested in the success of our meetings. I have sold there about a dozen Bibles, and fondly hope that good may be done there.

[The Rev. G. Brodie, in a letter dated Port of Spain, 25th September, states that cholera was then raging in that city and vicinity, carrying off fully 100 daily from a population of 20,000.]