

siderable pains during the week to search out the answers. Oh, may God grant that the truth may take deep hold upon all their hearts! I am very hopeful of some of them."

On December 20th he wrote thus, mentioning Mr. Whipper's death:—

"I have another death to record, for which you will be somewhat unprepared. Mr. Whipper, who only three months ago resigned his position as teacher of our school, has been removed by the hand of death. It was his expressed intention to have gone down south, to labour among the freedmen, but God in His wisdom has ordered it otherwise. His labours for the good of his people were closed in our Mission School. Feeling himself unwell at the time, he purposed starting south; the person with whom he had arranged to go had to proceed without him. His health, instead of improving, continued to decline, and it soon became evident that his constitution, which was never strong, was breaking up; but I had no idea that his end was so near. On Monday last, however, I perceived that a change had come over him, and on Thursday last he expired, expressing his hope and trust in Jesus. It afforded me a melancholy satisfaction in being permitted to minister spiritual consolation to poor Mr. Whipper in his last illness; and his rather sudden and unexpected removal, just at the time when he contemplated entering upon another and more extended sphere of labour, is a loud call to us who are left behind to improve to the utmost our present opportunities of doing good.

"I enclose Mr. Highgate's Report, by which you will perceive that the School continues to be in a prosperous condition. Mr. Highgate is a painstaking teacher, and will prove, I think, a valuable assistant in the work of the Mission. The Sunday, though not near so numerously attended as the Day-school, is doing well. The average attendance for the past quarter has been twenty-five. Most of the coloured people profess, as you are aware, to be either Methodists or Baptists, and are unfortunately great partizans in the matter of religion. The consequence is, that many who are anxious for their children to attend the week-day school refuse to permit them to come on the Sunday. Some time ago, thinking it might do good, and be the means of bringing more children under religious instruction on the Lord's-day, I consented to try a union school, and, for a little time, it worked well; but their petty denominational jealousies soon brought the effort to an end, and I resumed my own school, which, though small with regard to numbers, is in a sound and healthy condition.

"Earnestly soliciting a continuance of the prayers of the friends of the Mission at home on behalf of myself and the poor people among whom my duty is to labour, I remain, &c., &c."

Mr. Hughes writes again, June 30, 1866:—

"Mr. Highgate continues to give me great satisfaction in the school. Most of the elder children are, as is usual at this time of the year, kept from school to assist in the fields, but the attendance is above the usual summer average. Our Sunday-school, too, continues in a flourishing state, having an average attendance of thirty. I feel greatly in need of a few nice prize-books for both schools, and should be very, very thankful for a liberal selection of the Church of England Sunday-school Association publications."

The Committee are sure that Mr. Hughes will have the sympathy and prayers of their friends in his continued persevering efforts on behalf of the poor coloured people among whom; in the spirit of a true missionary, he has so long laboured.