

thing that looks more like a providential opening than this at White Cap's Reserve. The entire band are really saying to us, "Come over and help us."

### BERMUDA.

Letter from the REV. THOS. ROGERS, dated HAMILTON, BERMUDA, August 8th, 1888.

IT will, no doubt, be satisfactory to the Missionary Committee to know that all our work in Bermuda is now self-sustaining. As we are removed so far from the seat of Conference, I think the Missionary Committee will be under the necessity of paying the removal expenses, at least, for some time to come. Were we as favorably situated as the other Districts of our Conference, we could even bear the removal expenses; but the additional burden would discourage our people now. It must be remembered that we are working under pretty high pressure. When I came here in 1886, at the formation of the District, St. George's and Bailey's Bay received \$450 grant, and Sandy's and Southampton was a young man's Circuit. We have made Sandy's and Southampton a married man's Circuit, with a salary of £200, and we are doing without any grant. This little District of four Circuits increased nearly \$600 in ministerial support last year, and increased \$172 in missionary money. I believe we stand the third District in our Conference in *net* receipts for the Mission Fund this year. We can, in a measure, help to pay the removal expenses by increasing the income of the Missionary Society.

## Facts and Illustrations.

THE inspector of schools in Italy has addressed a circular to the teachers, reminding them that it is their duty to develop in their pupils faith in God, and a desire to become like Him. For this purpose he advises them to read the Gospels to their pupils, saying that "no one will object who knows how much wisdom, science, and knowledge of the human heart and human destiny are found in this book, so eminently fitted to form right character."

MISSIONARY work in Greece is most difficult. The language of modern Greece, the temper of the people, the strength of the State Church, supported by a decided national sentiment, combine to make missionary effort peculiarly hard and unfruitful. Yet our mission to Greece has one great cause for gratitude to God. It has been the means of bringing the Bible into extensive circulation among the Greeks. Last year, indeed, the sales of the Bible doubled.

THE late king of Sherbro, West Africa, when on his death-bed, committed his son to the American missionaries, to be sent to this country for a Christian education. Having obtained this, he lately returned to Africa with his wife as a Moravian missionary. He proposes to translate the Bible into his native tongue, and to publish a journal, having learned the printer's trade while here.

In the time of King Edward the First, of England, the price of a Bible was thirty-seven pounds sterling. A laboring man then received for his work a penny and a half a day; from which it may be easily reckoned that a laboring man could not have purchased a Bible at that time without paying the earnings of more than eighteen years. It is quite within limits then, to say, that to the man who receives one dollar a day for his work, the Bible costs twenty-two thousand times less than it did in the days of Edward the First.

A CURIOUS barometer is used by the remnant of the Araucanian race, which inhabit the southernmost province of Chili. It consists of the cast-off shell of a crab, which is said to be extremely sensitive to atmospheric changes, remaining quite white in dry, fair weather, but indicating the approach of a moist atmosphere by the appearance of small red spots, which grow both in number and size as the moisture in the air increases, until finally, with the actual occurrence of rain, the shell becomes entirely red, and remains so throughout the rainy season.

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