

There is one matter I have been wishing very much to hear more of from you. Some time ago you wrote about a Medical Missionary, and I was in hopes you would have succeeded in finding one for this sphere. You have evidently not succeeded, for we have heard nothing more on the subject since. I hope, however, that the matter is still before the mind of the Directors, and that you are making some effort to secure the services of a medical man.

Medical Missions have been, I think, attended with a blessing wherever they have been tried. Of course, sometimes there may be a failure as to *individuals*—the *right man* may not have been got. But where the Missions have been sustained, the results have been satisfactory. For many years it has been my desire to see a Medical Mission established here, and I do hope you will see the way plain before you to reinforce us with the supply of that desideratum.

The Government have hospitals in their military and principal civil stations ; but large districts are left without medical help. The nearest doctor to this is more than twenty miles distant, and across the river. In the opposite direction, at the distance of thirty miles, there is another. Sick people daily come to me from the distance of several miles for medicine. Were there a Medical Missionary here he would have plenty of practice and be very useful.

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JAMAICA.—The Rev. A. Thomson of Montego Bay, gives an interesting account of Hampden, one of the congregations in Jamaica for which a minister is needed. He says :—

“I was at Hampden two weeks ago, preaching and dispensing the Lord's Supper. There was a large congregation. Indeed, I do not think I ever saw more numerous attendance there, except on the Sabbath preceding Mr. M'Lean's departure from the island. As I entered the pulpit, and looked upon the audience—so much larger than that which I am accustomed to preach to—I could not but feel sad that so numerous a flock should be without a shepherd. And I resolved, after the labours of the day, that I would write you again, by the first mail, on the great and urgent need there is for the speedy settlement of a minister at this important station. You know how it would fare with a Church in Scotland, were it to be for a length of time without a pastor of its own ; and you will readily believe that, in a country like this, the evils resulting to a congregation, from a protracted vacancy in the pastorate, are immensely more serious. You will bear in mind that a circumjacent country, for miles around, is the proper *diocese* of the Hampden minister. The district, moreover, is a very populous one, comparatively at least, containing a number of independent or freehold villages, besides those usually found on sugar estates. There are three week-day schools in connection with the Church ; and there are, or were, also nearly twenty district prayer meetings, which required pastoral visitation and superintendence. Indeed, I do not know a more important or eligible sphere of labour in Jamaica—one, where an energetic and earnest missionary of the cross would be more likely, under the divine blessing on his exertions, to reap a harvest of precious fruit to the praise and glory of divine grace. I do most ardently hope and pray that God may put it into the heart of some such person, in answer to the call of the Board of Missions, to offer himself for this post of arduous, but honourable and glorious work.”

INDIA.—From Ajmere the Rev. J. Robson, gives an interesting account