

have already gone to that long neglected and benighted land.

Our people have just raised £40 currency, towards liquidating the debt of the Society. In the course of the year we shall make an effort for Africa. We have a large debt, and the expenses of the stations, support of ministers and schools, &c., will fall heavily upon us. But the people are grateful for the blessings of the Gospel, and willing to consecrate their energies and property to the cause of God.

The following paragraph will not be deemed superfluous in certain parts of the country, where such statements as our friend Mr. Clark refers to are still occasionally heard.

I regret to hear that repeated attacks are made on the mission respecting the piety of our church members and the genuineness of the work which has been going on. Allow me, on these points, to say a word. I am free to confess, that the average piety of our churches is far, very far, below the perfect standard of the Gospel; but, so far as my knowledge extends, I can say with tolerable confidence, it is quite equal to that of the churches in England. But, do not think that this contents us. We desire, we pray, for an outpouring of the Spirit on British Christians, that their piety may be pre-eminent. And all the brethren with whom I have conversed, see the importance of raising the standard of piety here, and, I think, are labouring with this particular object in view. The churches want to be more holy, more entirely consecrated to God's service, more prayerful and united, ere the whole population can be converted; and I am happy to add, they are all growing in grace.—*Missionary Herald for April*.

SLIGO TOWN, THOMAS IN THE VALE.

On Sabbath morning the 10th ult., the ordinance of Christian baptism was administered by the Rev. J. M. Philippo, to 68 persons, who had previously given evidence of having experienced repentance towards God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. The command of the Saviour was attended to in the Rio Cobre, in the presence of numerous witnesses, among whom were the Rev. Mr. Hume and Mrs. Hume, (a missionary and his wife, just arrived from England,) all appeared deeply interested on this solemn occasion. In the after part of the day, a very large congregation assembled at the Chapel in the town, when, in addition to the usual Sabbath-day services, the right hand of fellowship was given to the newly baptized, and the ordinance of the Lord's Supper was administered by the Pastor of the

Church, and this ended a day that proved interesting, and it is to be hoped, highly profitable to hundreds of spectators both old and young.—*Jamaica Baptist Herald, Feb. 3, 1841*.

ST. ELIZABETH'S—MIDDLE QUARTERS.

The mission in this place was commenced by the General Baptist Missionary Society in the year 1826, but want of funds, and other circumstances, together with the death of Mr. Alsop, their last missionary here, compelled them to abandon this station about the year 1830. From that time to the beginning of the year 1840 there was a total cessation of the mission. At the last named period operations were commenced by the late Rev. G. Webb, particular Baptist, in a house at the Station, rented by him. His labours were not in vain; some of Mr. Alsop's scattered sheep were gathered together, and others were awakened to a concern for salvation. About 54 persons had entered their names as Inquirers at the period of Mr. Webb's decease. The Rev. J. May, the Missionary appointed to this and the Bethsalem stations, entered on his labours at Middle Quarters on Sunday, January 24, 1841, when, after strict re-examination in connexion with the Rev. J. Pickton, he had the happiness to baptize 22 of the inquirers in the Y. S. river, a great many were spectators on that occasion, who manifested the utmost seriousness. The names of 25 others anxious about their souls were also received. In the afternoon of the day the newly baptized persons were formed into a Christian Church, and the ordinance of the Lord's Supper was administered. The services of the day were held under the shade of a large Mango tree, the usual place of meeting being far too small to accommodate the numbers that flocked to hear the gospel. The scene was most interesting, and many, we have reason to believe, will to the latest period of life cherish a hallowed recollection of it.

BETHSALEM.—After having held several services at different places connected with this station during the week, at all of which the most marked attention was evinced on the part of the numerous hearers, and after the candidates for baptism were carefully re-examined by Messrs. Pickton and May, the rite was administered on Saturday morning January 30, to 55 persons, in the Bagdale Ford. Great numbers were present to witness the ceremony, crowding the banks of that lovely stream; the most profound silence prevailed, and as they listened to the word of exhortation, solemn thoughtfulness appeared to sit on every countenance. On the following Sunday services were held in the Mission-House at Bethsalem, at which