

They were greatly astonished at the procedure, but were present at every meeting. The Spirit of the Lord took hold of them, and they returned to their homes converted men. Their spirit of happiness was so great they could not but communicate to their friends what the Lord had done for them !

This was the commencement of a blessed revival, which is yet going on. Now the question arises whether we can count those as members who are not in British territory? There is not a minister of any denomination who can reach those people.

The way has been providentially opened up for a glorious work ; we believe that work to be the Lord's. Shall we then let a territorial line present itself as a barrier when the command is, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature?"

Your Missionary feels himself overtaxed at times, and could appreciate the help of a native assistant. I think, for \$100 a year, a man "full of zeal and the Holy Ghost" might be found, who would devote the greater part of his time in working for his fellow-men.

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To the Members of the Central Missionary Board.

VERY DEAR BRETHREN,

We have thought it a duty which we owe to our Church and the cause of vital godliness throughout these islands, to bring before you a few facts and suggestions relative to our position, and the necessities of the work entrusted to our care.

Our people consist of three classes, Whites, Coloured, and the Naval and Military. Our white civilians are the only class from whom we receive any measure of financial support. The coloured people are generally poor, though they compose a large element in our congregations. The Naval and Military classes are always undergoing some change, and, therefore, cannot be depended upon for aid to any extent. To the coloured race, as well as our soldiers and sailors, our services are purely Missionary. For this work, which lies to a great extent outside of our regular duties, we receive no remuneration here, with the exception of small Grants from the Colonial Treasury and the Naval Department. The former is likely to be cut off altogether within a few months.

No effort has been made to secure Grants for Army work, though our services to the military are numerous and increasing. Whether such

application should be made, is a question for the Missionary Board to consider.

Our relation to the Missionary Board is at present such as to shut us out from the special consideration and counsel which we constantly require. There are interests involved in our work which are purely Missionary, and ought to have the supervision of our Missionary authorities. We mention a few of these : -

1. We are surrounded by a large population of coloured people, for whose education the Colony is doing nothing of any value. Schools among these are as necessary as among the negroes of the West Indies, or the Indians of the Northwest. At present we have no instructions which would justify such an attempt ; and we have no means for the purpose excepting such as can be obtained by private appeals, which really interfere with our Missionary contributions.

2. The Military are so distant from our regular congregations that they are often disheartened from marching thither in the hot weather. Having no way of furnishing them with the means of grace in their own vicinity, as do the Episcopal clergymen, we are continually losing our influence