

missionary, and this is the paramount object the Society has in view. And when we have such direct evidences of the Divine blessing resting upon our labours as the one I have just recorded, we may well, notwithstanding the sneers of modern infidelity at Christian Missions, thank God and take courage. T—— was a well-informed man, of quiet and gentlemanly manners, and highly respected by all who knew him, both white and coloured. He had, by the practice of industry and economy, acquired a nice little property, so that he leaves his widow and family in comfortable circumstances."

### DRESDEN SCHOOLS.

The Committee continue to make a grant for the support of these schools, which have a special importance from the fact that they are the only schools in the district for the coloured children. Mr. Highgate is now the master. Mr. Whipper, the former master, has been removed by death.

Mr. Hughes reports thus on them in his letter of June 26 :—

#### THE SCHOOLS.

"The Day-school was very full at the commencement of the quarter, but the attendance has not been so good during the past few weeks, most of the elder children having been kept away to assist their parents in planting and hoeing Indian corn and potatoes. Our Mission School still continues to be the only one in this township open to coloured children. There appeared a short time ago some prospect of the Dawn Institute property, full particulars of which I gave in my early reports, being made available for the purpose of education, but the probability of such being the case seems now more distant than ever. The property is in Chancery, and I fear the greater part if not the whole will be consumed in litigation. Several of our largest boys have recently left and gone, like many others before them, to seek employment in the States. Indeed, many who were once pupils in our schools, both here and in London, are now scattered far and wide. Some who stayed with us long enough carry with them an excellent education, leavened with a fair amount of scriptural knowledge, which in God's good time, we doubt not, will bear forth fruit to His praise and glory. Now and then I hear of some of these through their friends, and rejoice to find that some have good situations and are conducting themselves creditably. It is deeply to be regretted, and shows what formidable obstacles block the way of the advancement of the free coloured people in America, that no matter how well educated or well conducted coloured boys may be, only the lowest kind of employments are open to them. They may become common labourers or porters, cooks on steam-vessels, or waiters at hotels, but from all trades requiring skilled labour they are rigorously excluded. Several have left us, and there are two or three now in the school who are fit for, and worthy of, better occupations. In the South coloured boys have no difficulty in acquiring trades; indeed, it was the interest of slaveowners to have good workmen amongst their slaves, but in the North and Canada every workshop is closed against coloured hands.

"The attendance at both Sunday-schools, Dresden and Dawn Mills, has been good during the past quarter, averaging nearly thirty in each. At Dawn Mills I have a nice class of a dozen young people. Most of them attend very regularly, and the interest they evince in the subjects of the lessons is very encouraging. It is my practice with this class to give to each every Sunday a paper of Scripture questions, involving a little thought and Bible-reading, the answers to which they bring on the following Sunday. Some take con-