

construction. Sittings are often applied for, and we have none to let. These islands are becoming the winter home of Canadians and Americans. Hundreds come here to winter. We are anxious to have a church that will command respect, as well as furnish accommodation to any who may prefer our services. The Episcopalians try to overshadow and eclipse all other denominations here. In this they have, to no small extent, succeeded. We feel that we ought to stand abreast, if not ahead of them in church accommodation, as we certainly do in labours and in Christian zeal. Our present church, in its appearance, outfit, and arrangement, is decidedly against us. It is exceedingly desirable that we should have a new and commanding sanctuary. And we are confident that if our Canadian brethren knew exactly our position here, any help we might need they would extend to us.

We must, if possible, erect a church at the dockyard. I am at present trying to secure the loan of a piece of land from the Lords of the Admiralty as a suitable site for a church at the dockyard. If in this I should succeed, application will also be made to them, and to the Horse Guards as well, for a grant of money to aid in its erection. Here we minister to the marines and seamen, some of the military, and quite a number of the civilians in the employ of H. M.'s Government. At present we occupy a school-house provided by the Government. It is not large enough. We can have the use of it at stated times only, and feel ourselves greatly cramped by the restrictions of the present *regime* of affairs. Indeed, I am satisfied we cannot do our work here with comfort and success till we have a church that will be altogether under our own control. If the land be secured we will be under the necessity of applying for aid to help in its construction. But of these matters I hope to inform you in due time. There are other interests I would like to speak of, but will leave them for a future communication.

I will now proceed to give the information for which you more especially ask in your letter:—

Size of churches—Hamilton, 80 by 26, with wing 31 by 26ft.; seat 500; no debt. Somerset, 40 by 26ft. (there is now being added 15ft.); seat 300; no debt. Port Roy, 34 by 22ft.; seat 200; no debt. Warwick, 34 by 26ft. (there is a gallery in church); seat 300; no debt.

Within the last few years the Colonial Government has been making some provision for the education of the children belonging to the State. And they grant a certain amount of money to teachers according to the number of pupils they have, and the parents or guardians of the children must supply the balance. I send you by this mail the report of the Board of Education, which will give you all the information necessary.

AN ADDITIONAL MINISTER.

The pressing need for another minister arises from our army and navy work. Not that the man who comes need be any more specially designated to this particular work than my colleague or myself. From the peculiar location of our work the Superintendent and one of his colleagues must be chaplains to the army and navy; the other need be chaplain to the army only. I may mention first,

OUR WORK AT THE DOCKYARD.

This place is distant from Hamilton by water, seven miles; by land, fifteen miles. Here the squadron quarters for, say, five of our winter months. During this period we may have sometimes eight ships in port. If all the vessels were in port I think we have nearly 400 men on board; but the number of ships that are here would not average over three the year round. They are coming and going all the time, staying from two weeks to three months. At the dockyard we have our classes to whom we minister—marines and sailors, the military and civilians. Of marines, and seamen, and military, the average attendance would be seventy or eighty. One