

conduce, by God's grace, to this glorious end; we affectionately invite you into our schools on equal terms with your white brethren."

Twenty years' experience of these people fully assured me, humanly speaking, that this was the only course to pursue, in humble faith, in order to ensure success, and gain an entrance into their hearts. I have not been disappointed, for the results even within six months have exceeded my fondest expectations.

Our work has been greatly assisted by the kind manner in which the rector, churchwardens, and congregation of St. Paul's have aided us in breaking down existing prejudices against the colored people, by admitting them into all parts of the church; and opening to them every pew during the afternoon service. I cannot express with what deep feelings of gratitude I have lifted my heart in prayer to Almighty God, when seeing those who have joined our Church, and who unite in commemorating a Saviour's dying love, no longer, as in former days, holding back until all their white brethren had communicated, but freely coming forward without let or hindrance, and all meeting together around the table of their common Lord, partaking together of the sacred emblems of His love and mercy, as we trust, through faith in Jesus, they shall hereafter sit together at the "marriage supper of the Lamb." *

The best criterion of the value in which our schools are held in the public estimation is simply to state, that since their opening on the 8th January, we have had five hundred and seventy applications for admission, and have been obliged to exclude three hundred and four children, owing to the utter impossibility of admitting another child into our present overcrowded buildings. I may safely say, that three-fourths of the colored children here are in daily attendance, and a large increase will take place the moment we have increased accommodation. However cheering the numbers in attendance may be, it is not of this I would merely speak, but of the astonishing success which, under God, has attended Mr. Ballantine's unwearied and unceasing efforts. To this may be attributed the high position which the schools hold at this moment in the estimation of the public. The children have made great progress, not only in secular knowledge, but above all in the higher acquirement of those things which relate to their everlasting peace. Mr. Ballantine's mode of Scriptural and moral training has indeed worked wonders. A simple circumstance or two will illustrate this:—

A mother called upon me a short time since and abruptly commenced her conversation by saying, "Sir, what have you done to my boys?" I pleaded ignorance of her meaning, when she added, "The boys, Sir, were the plague of my life, but now they are a real blessing to me, I never could get them to attend school before, but now the school is their delight."

Another parent of great respectability, when applying for admission for her sons into the school said, "My reason for applying is simply this—I see the children of my friends and neighbours who attend your school are so well behaved, they are so improved in