

Bible Society, in one day we had 300 subscribers, 100 of them for Family Bibles; and at our first quarterly meeting, the sum of £27 was brought in as subscriptions. I do not mean to say that this feeling is universal, but among Christians it is very general; but I fear that our large churches lead to the impression that all the apprentices are thus inclined, and thus under instruction: far, very far, from it; there are from 18,000 to 20,000 in this parish alone, yet far from God, who attend no place of worship regularly. 'Tis the paucity of the ambassadors of the cross that makes the success appear great, and leads to the fear that it cannot be genuine.

I think, my dear Sir, that while at home I gave you some account of our church discipline; however, I now will refer to this, to me, interesting subject, and commence with the *reception of members*. This is a subject on which I feel deeply, and earnest have been my prayers to be divinely directed. It is necessary here to state, that during my absence, in consequence of the trials the church had to endure, the number who had to be re-examined, and the laborious duties of my esteemed brother Dendy, no additions were made by baptism to the church, that is, for three years. Hence, when I came back, multitudes were waiting, many of whom have since been received. My plan is this: either myself or Mrs. Knibb (or some one whom we know to be fully competent) speaks individually to the candidates, Mrs. K. generally taking the females; to each man I speak myself, and hear their views of divine truth; and when Mrs. K. has spoken to the females, on receiving her report, I will talk with them, either individually or collectively. I do not think that I ever fail speaking to each in some such manner as this: "Now, you have assured me, that you love Jesus Christ, that you feel it in your heart, that you pray to him every day, that you love so to do; that you are not living in any known sin; you believe that baptism will not save you, or the Lord's Supper; yea, nothing but the blood of Christ; that if you turn again to the world, or live in sin, you will be damned. It is upon such a profession I receive you: if you are living in sin, if you do deceive me, I tell you affectionately, but plainly, you will be sent to hell, but mind, I am clear of your blood; you voluntarily profess to love Christ, no one forces you: if you do love him he will bless you; if not, I beseech you not to put on his name." I keep an account of each, and when I have heard those who come, I call a church-meeting, at which the approved candidates are present. I then call out every name, to which they answer, and from whence they come. Then I speak to the church, telling them, that if they know anything

against any one, and conceal it, on them must rest the guilt, requesting any member to come and tell me, and giving a week for this purpose: if no charge appears against any of them, receive them for baptism. They are then, in the presence of the church, received by the right hand of fellowship, and become full members of the church.

Since January 1st, 1835, I have baptized, after having been thus examined, 385 persons, and, in referring to the receiving-book, containing 305 of their names, I find that they have attended as inquirers as follows: six, for nine years; ten, for eight years; eighty, for seven years; fifty, for six years; forty-seven for five years; thirty-three, for four years; seventy-six, for three and two years. If you can give me any hints by which I can improve this plan, do, and I will thank you.

State of the church from December 1st, 1834, to January 1st, 1836.

Baptized. . . . .	434
Restored. . . . .	31
Received by letter. . . . .	1
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	466
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Dismissed to other churches. . . . .	66
Dead. . . . .	22
Excluded. . . . .	12
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Clear Increase. . . . .	366
Old Members. . . . .	843

Total 1209

Marriages from December 1, 1834, to January 1, 1836, 421 couples.

Total number of members since the year when the church was formed, exclusive of those dismissed to form the churches at Rio Bueno and Stewart Town, 1478; of the present number, 1209, about 100 are old and infirm.

I am well aware that subscribing to the cause of Jesus is not always a mark of real attachment to his cause; but still it is a pleasure to be able to state, that, as far as their ability enables them, they are quite willing to give of their little to its promotion. I know some will say that this is extorted by fear, and I know also that such a statement is false. What is subscribed is generally given to me by the parties themselves, and I tell them plainly, if it be not willingly bestowed, God will not accept it. I have collected money both in England and Jamaica, and I assure you I much prefer the latter. No excitement of popular speakers, nor parade of public-meetings, is necessary; they give what they can afford without noise or show.