

school at the Sound, Virgin Gorda. This school is in peculiar need, it being necessary to rebuild the house, levelled by the hurricane, and in the meantime to keep school in a temporary building. I earnestly trust that these grants (£30 in all) may be continued by the New England Company this year, even if they be obliged to give up the grant for education of the two children. I am sure they may be satisfied that much good is being effected by means of this small sum."

SCHOOLS FOR THE MAROONS.

*From MR. JOHNSON, the Native Clergyman.*

"It may be gratifying to the kind friends in England from whom I receive £10 annually, to be informed that of the five schools three are industrial, and have received grants from the Government as such. Needlework has also been introduced, and the dresses in which the girls appeared before the Inspector were made with their own hands."

*From the REV. J. A. THOMPSON.*

"SWANSWICK.

"My three schools have again passed their examinations under Government with credit, showing a steady improvement. There are eighty on the books at Swanswick."

The Committee in March, 1872, looking to the state of the Company's funds, decided that they could not renew the grants to the West Indian schools, with the exception of a grant of £10 to the school at the Sound, Virgin Gorda, towards rebuilding the school-house destroyed by the hurricane.

The Committee had before decided against any further allowance towards the education of the negro boy and girl who had received assistance during the promised period of three years.

On the 6th May, 1872, the Treasurer wrote to Miss Barney informing her of the decision of the Committee, and enclosing a donation from himself to enable the Ladies' Society for Promoting Education in the West Indies to grant £10 to the Maroons', and £10 to the Swanswick, Schools.

On the 13th May the Committee thanked the Treasurer for this gift.