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When first the Gospel was proclaimed in the West Indies, few competitively embraced it. It was only occasionally that an adult offered himself for baptism and Christian fellowship, having his mind enlightened, and the heart directed to God, by the Holy Spirit, through preaching of the Missionary, or the admonitions of a fellow-slave. As time rolled on, labourers were multiplied; conversions became more numerous; friends lent their aid in the good work; and infant schools were planted in quick succession. These converts soon manifested a concern for the spiritual welfare of their children; and, as far as practicable, under circumstances then existing, did something for the salvation of their off-spring. Comparatively little, however, could possibly be effected. Schools were but few in number, and few in operation; but there were praying parents, who called on night and day for their children, a few of whom, even then, were made wise unto salvation.

But of Ethiopia it may indeed, at this time, be said, "What hath God wrought!" Chapels adorn these Western Isles, where tens of thousands meet on the Sabbath-day to worship God. Schools are established in every direction, where thousands of the rising race attend to receive that instruction which is calculated to prepare them for the best performance of their earthly duties, and to teach them the way to heaven. With some schools it is the day of small and feeble things; many are in a state of great efficiency. Tidings are now frequently brought across the Atlantic of good effected by religious instruction; of pious answers to parental prayer; we have many young persons growing hoily and usefully. Our infants now sing, Hosanna to the Son of David.

Having witnessed the peaceful death of the subject of this memoir, I cannot refrain from communicating such an encouraging instance of