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Inspector, sold at auction. There were plenty of clothes which were in the course of being mended, and there was in addition new suits of clothes for the boys which were in their lockers or were tied up in bundles for the sale above referred to. The Agent went to the village store and unnecessarily bought some clothes. From what I have heard in the past, and from the circumstances attending this transaction, I have concluded, and I think correctly, that so far as the Church of England is concerned, the position of Mr Green is not satisfactory. On a statement not in accordance with the facts he circulated a damaging story to injure the Church of England in connection with this school. I shall be glad if you could make enquiries and see whether an injustice is not in this connection being done to the Church of England. They have a certain place and position in connection with this locality, and have done a considerable amount of work, and are prepared to do their share, and it does not seem right that, when they are willing to come forward, to permit misrepresentations to their detriment to be made. It may be that people in the locality will not believe it, but then these far-off Missions have to look to friends at a distance for their supplies, and with such reports spread broadcast, great difficulties are presented in their way.

Again, you speak of "two Massett boys". As a fact there were seven; and the result of the letter sent by the