

It may be said in this connection, that the capitation allowance paid by the Imperial Government to officiating clergymen is ten shillings *per annum*.

At the time of my arrival in St. George's, several of our men were in hospital, dangerously ill of Enteric Fever. These I visited regularly,—the utmost courtesy being shown me by the officers of the Medical Staff. Fortunately, there has been little or no sickness among the troops for months. I nevertheless visit the hospital every week, and the married men's quarters at stated periods.

Military regulations require the men to march to church on Sunday morning, but in the evening they attend voluntarily, and I am pleased to be able to report that quite a number, not under my care, have availed themselves of this privilege.

Early recognizing that something more was needed to spiritually assist these men, than the ordinary services of the church, I started a Bible class and furnished our school-room with such literature as I could command. I am pleased to say, this effort was highly appreciated by the soldiers. Our Epworth League Meetings, have also been popular with them, the Sunday evening evangelistic service drawing large and deeply interested crowds.

On the whole, while there are some discouraging features, the outlook is by no means a gloomy one. Although I am unable to report any clear cases of conversion among my military friends during the year, I am convinced that profound impressions for good have been made on the minds of many of them.

Among recent arrivals, a young Lieutenant of the Royal Artillery, and a master gunner (a Wesleyan local preacher) give promise of usefulness which we hope to see fully realized in the immediate future.

DAVID HICKEY,  
*Officiating Clergyman.*

St. George's, Bermuda, June 1st, 1897.

#### NAVAL WORK.

IRELAND ISLAND, BERMUDA.—We have great pleasure in reporting progress on this naval station. The Admiralty are greatly strengthening the Naval work. We have now over 250 declared Wesleyans in the ships. The authorities give us all possible opportunity to visit the men. During the year we have visited all the ships in the fleet, and attended to the men when in the hospital sick. We have had an attendance of 150 on an average, when the fleet has been in. We gratefully record the cases of some conversions among the men, but as they stay with us only some five months in the year, we cannot pay very extensive pastoral attention to them. The Epworth League has proved an attraction to many of the men, and has proved a great blessing to them also. It is very pleasing to observe that they attend service in the evening, as frequently as when at parade service in the morning. We have been, up to the present, living away from the Island, but now that our parsonage is in course of erection, we hope shortly to be among the men more frequently, and render them greater service.

HARRY BURGESS,  
*Officiating Clergyman.*