

held on a piece of empty ground near the centre of the town. At market time it presents a very animated appearance—three or four hundred natives may then be seen buying and selling. It is of no use taking European money to buy anything. Knives, padlocks, spoons, needles, Manchester goods, and such things, must be taken if your purchases are to be extensive.

On going through the town, a number of houses may be seen in ruins. On inquiring why they are allowed to stand so, you will be informed that the owners are dead, and that a house is never inhabited by any other person after the owner's decease. Furniture, etc., is allowed to go to waste. Spread out also before the door of such houses are the dishes, cloth, and other things used by the deceased; the sight of such things seems well fitted to teach the lesson, "Be ye also ready." The inhabitants do not seem, however, to mind them much.

Missionary Work.—One great difficulty here arises from the fact that the Duke Town gentlemen won't meet in each other's yards, and so meetings must be held in each of them. This necessarily takes up a great deal of time, but it is in the meantime the only way of getting at them. These meetings are begun every Sabbath morning at 7 o'clock. Mr Anderson preaches to them in their own tongue; he has generally four or five such services every Sabbath forenoon. There are several of the gentlemen who understand English pretty well; I go to them, and get them to interpret, and in this way I am enabled to take some part in the work. I often wish, however, that I could declare unto them, in their own tongue, "the wonderful works of God." At these meetings we have audiences varying from 12 to 150.

In the morning, Mr Edgerley has a meeting with the Sierra Leone people, and in the afternoon there is public worship in English, which is conducted alternately by Mr Anderson, Mr Edgerley, and myself. In the afternoon, also, there is the Sabbath school, attended by a considerable number.

During the week, Mr and Mrs Anderson have various meetings with the people. I take the day school during half of the day.

Mission Family.—I am exceedingly comfortable here with Mr and Mrs Anderson. Mrs A. is all that I could ex-

pect a mother to be; she anticipates my every want, and is a most agreeable pleasant person. They have a large family (I think about 12 or 13) of native children, who have no other home. These are trained up to habits of industry and cleanliness, and it is a pleasant thing to hear them, morning and evening, repeating passages, and praying in their own tongue. On the Sabbath evening, all give an account of what they have heard at the various meetings during the day. Some of them have memories which would put to the blush many children in Scotland, of a similar age.

As yet I have enjoyed as good health as ever I did in Scotland. I trust that the Master will graciously preserve it, in order that I may be fitted for labouring in His vineyard here, and oh! what need is there for labourers. Ever and anon there is some deed of darkness coming to our knowledge, which only makes us more earnestly long for that time when the darkness shall flee away, and when the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing under His wings. God grant that this time may soon come.—*Ibid.*

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FAVOURABLE PROSPECT WITH REGARD TO THE RESUMPTION OF MISSIONARY WORK AMONG THE GAIKAS.

The Mission Board, anxious to resume missionary operations among the people of Sandilli as soon as a favourable opportunity for doing so should be presented, recently accepted the offered services as missionaries for Caffraria, of Messrs Robert Johnstone and Tiyo Sago. These highly recommended young men have completed their course at the Theological Hall, and will, in a few months, it is expected, be ready to leave for South Africa. It will be seen from the following letter of the Rev J. F. Cumming, dated 30th June, that he recently visited Sandilli, and obtained form that chief, not only a friendly welcome, but a cordial assent to the re-opening of a mission among his people. Indeed, he regards our missionaries as his own, is solicitous again to have them, and is unwilling that any others come into his tribe:—

Visit to Peellon.—"I returned hither from Caffreland very recently, whither I had gone to further the interests of our mission, as I mentioned in my last letter to you. It will, no doubt, be a high gratification to you to know, as it was to myself to perceive, that so far as the mat-