

I may give some assistance. The district is situated in the parish of St. Valentine, in the Seignior of Lacolle, and would appear naturally to belong to Lacolle parish; the consequence of its being in the adjoining parish is that the inhabitants who are for the most part Protestants and members of Lacolle Church, are not permitted to attend the Lacolle schools which are the nearest, not being within that district, and the schools of the adjoining parish (St. Valentine) are not only too far off, but are with one exception Roman Catholic.

There are between 20 and 25 children the parents of whom are unable to pay anything. There are among them some Roman Catholic children whose parents are desirous they should attend; the few capable of paying would subscribe towards raising a provision for a master, but being so few would not be able to raise sufficient; would you therefore lay the matter before the Board of the Colonial Church and School Society?

From one place they write:

There is a good opportunity of usefulness in this place for a school under the direction and auspices of the Colonial Church and School Society.

Between 30 and 40 children would attend the School, and it would prove a powerful instrument in carrying out the objects of the Mission in this new station, but unless the Colonial Church and School Society take it up this important means of usefulness will be lost.

From another:

If the Society does not help, it will sadly disappoint the cherished expectations of a people who have exerted themselves most (energetically) in the erection of a school in which to have their children taught according to the sound and scriptural principles of the Church of England.

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It will be felt by those who consider the foregoing Report, how much there is cheering in the present aspect of education; the very *pressing demands made* are *cheering*; they show that there is a *thirst* for knowledge, that there is a cry "Come and teach us," and they indicate an earnestness that *must* attain its end.

But the most cheering truth of *all* is that the *Clergy* are alive to the importance of education, and take such an interest in the schools as to secure that influence which a Christian spirit, joined to high intelligence, is sure to give, and which can scarcely be over-rated in its beneficial effects. May our hopes and prayers be realized.