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whom you labour.' He laid the field open before us, and we went to work. We opened a school, but the prejudice of the whites against the coloured people was so strong and so manifest, that we felt that, unless we were very careful, the whole thing might break down. We made the school, therefore, rather speckled than black, taking only one negro child to about six or seven whites, and somehow or other the whole population began to find that the system was practicable where the negro children were so small in number compared with the white children. The common schools of the town were then opened to negro children, and they enjoyed the same privileges as the whites. When the Prince of Wales was visiting Canada, I went, like everybody else, to see him, travelling a hundred miles for that purpose. I was accompanied by a brother missionary, Mr. Hughes, who is now labouring at Dresden. We were anxious to see whether in the common schools of the place any distinction was made between white children and black, and I shall never forget the feelings which I experienced when, on looking at the school procession, I did not see throughout two black children put together, but black and white children were walking hand in hand throughout the procession. There being eight or nine hundred negroes at London, we opened evening classes for them. We also commenced Sunday-schools, special services in the outskirts of the town, and Cottage Lectures. I can assure you our hands were full. I was out every night from Monday till Friday, generally managing to keep Saturday night for myself, in order to prepare for Sunday. The Sunday-school work was most interesting. There you might have seen fifty persons, grey-headed men and women and children, some as black as night, and some so white that a stranger looking at them would not have known whether they were of the negro race or not; and there were all shades between. Some big men were just learning their letters, and would pronounce a, n, d. that. 'No,' we said, 'try again;' and the pupil did try again, with little better result. I well remember those days, and what pleasure I felt when I had four or five of those people before me. Some of these who were puzzled between 'and' and 'that' could soon read the New Testament and the Bible. There is one man of this kind now living in Windsor in whom I feel the greatest interest. I taught him his A, B, C; he is now a teacher in a Sunday-school; and two or three days before I left for England he came to me and asked me to bring back some copics of the book in which he was taught to read. I look upon him as part of the result of our work, and his case reminds me of the passage, 'See how great a matter a little fire kindleth.' The Mission was removed from London westward to places where the negroes were more numerous.

DRESDEN.

"We have a very flourishing Mission at Dresden, a little to the north of Chatham in the Upper Province. It was opened by Mr. Hughes a few years ago, when he had nothing to begin with but the people, by which I mean that the people had no knowledge whatever of the Church of England. Some were strangers there, some had settied on little plots of land, some were doing scarcely anything at all. The missionary had a bold, self-denying work to do, but he was just the man to undertake it without kesitation. I remember his telling me that he would go because he believed that it was a way which God had opened for him. He went, and he began to work, and he worked away month after month under the most difficult circumstances, with very little encouragement, until by-and-by the result began to show itself. He did what every faithful minister of the Gospel will do; he preached, he prayed, he believed. He was 'instant in scason and out of season.' He saw very little result for a long while; but he felt sure that something would come, that the Lord would open the way. He felt that he could not go on preaching 'Jesus Christ and him crucified,' and nothing come of it. Neither did he. Those who go to see his Mission now witness a very different state of things from that which I have described. They see the missionary

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