

but with more careful observance to avoid any error which may have caused failure before.

*Sabbath 9th.*—King Eyo was absent to-day from Church, for the first time, being laid up with a sore foot, which, indeed, might have kept him back the two last Sabbaths, had he wished for an excuse. It is certainly worse to-day, and Dr. Hewan went to see him, and to dress it for him. He went uncalled, perhaps unexpected, and was agreeably surprised to see the King sitting with his big Bible open before him, reading it as best he could, and his house and yard with all the quietness of the Sabbath, the attendants having been all sent to church. O that his heart were so with God as all this seemed to indicate. I did not call on him, but sent in my compliments to inquire for him, and received answer that nothing but his sore foot had kept him from Church. More was implied than expressed.

*Tuesday, 12th February.*—I must not omit to record a fact, as yet, perhaps, trifling, but destined in its results to be of great importance. To-day we ate the first bread-fruit ever grown or eaten in this country—the produce of a tree growing in our own yard. The plant came from Fernando Po, nearly four years ago, together with another in the mission-house garden, at Duke Town. It bore ten fruit this season, of which five fell prematurely, as is usually the case while young. The introduction of such a tree into the country is a common blessing. For this and the *Mango*, which has now been bearing two or three years, and is being rapidly propagated, people will thank us, who don't value the better spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus, which we offer to them in his name. Even so, the kingdom of Christ provides temporal blessings for those whose portion is in this life. "Then shall the earth yield her increase."

*Sabbath, 18th May.*—Though the Church is usually well and regularly filled, yet, to-day, the attendance was crowded, and earlier than usual, both of chiefs and people. Whatever the unusual cause of the unusual overflow, the general effect is beneficial. The observance of the Sabbath and attendance on the house of God, by both chiefs and people, is a public testimony to the truth before this and neighboring countries, and, by God's blessing will be productive of much good. I believe I may safely say, that no compulsion is ever used by any party to bring people to church, and it is but rarely that any influence is used, beyond a decorous example, by any persons in authority, while on the part of some, even that is not afforded, to induce attendance. It is very pleasing to believe that our Sabbath-day congregation is a purely voluntary one. The people come freely, we may hope, because they find it good and pleasant to do so. In the present state of the mission, "He that is not against us is on our part."

*Sabbath, 22nd June.*—To-day Mrs. W. and I presented our two adopted children, Jane and James, for baptism, and Mr. Goldie baptized them. The solemn dedication of them to God by us in baptism, seemed to make a strong impression on many in the congregation. Having thus publicly owned them as members of our family, we must secure their freedom, though born of slave parents.

"Not having previously alluded to them, I must here mention something about them. Jane's mother died nearly eighteen months ago, leaving the child diseased, and seemingly crippled—old enough to walk, but unable to move. Her proper father we knew not—perhaps only the mother knew. The so-called father, or master of the woman, was a head slave of King Eyo's. Himself a kindly man, he tried to get some of his wives or servants to mind the poor orphan, but they grudged the care and attention which the poor little thing required, and its condition was reported to my wife as very distressing indeed. She sent and took it, and had it brought here. In former times, it would have been buried, or thrown into the bush to perish beside the dead body of its mother. Happily better feelings begin to prevail, and some people had compassion on the child, and tried to mind it; but their compassion and patience were not sufficient for its necessities. Even after it was brought to our house, the two girls that Mrs. W. had, could not be induced to attend to it properly, and ere long took the sulks, and left her to mind the child alone. However, by God's blessing her efforts succeeded. The child improved, gradually got strength, and at length was induced to try, and finally was able to move its legs a little, and, from one thing to another, to creep, and at last to walk. Its efforts in this way were at least two years behind their time, for it