

will have a school-master and a brother missionary, and in the meantime has opened a school with more than ninety children, heathen or Catholic. I myself inaugurated the mission by baptizing five little children of Catholics. Our missionaries are living in the house of a Catholic native until they have something better.

“Two other kings in Abbeokuta have accepted our requests with favor and have each made us a grant of extensive land, one of which will do for the Sisters, and the other for the school. Here, therefore, we have a large field opened for our missionaries, who are all very glad of it.

“Death has again come among us, laying upon us another sacrifice. Pere Murat, one of the two priests who commenced the Gold Coast Mission at Elmina, died of fever shortly after his arrival. Pere Pages has also been taken from us here at Lagos after three day’s illness. (May they rest in peace.)

“On the 26th of last month the distribution of prizes took place in our schools: His Excelency the Governor intended to preside, but unfortunatly was preveted by an attack of fever. He wrote a letter when in bed, saying it was impossible for him to attend. Mr. T—, the acting judge, took his place. All the Government officials and many other gentlemen were present. Mr, T—opened the proceedings, and read the letter from his Excellency. The children recited speeches and poems. and played a little piece, which, with their songs, occupied three pleasant hours. Everybody seemed pleased. The next day Mr. T— received a visit from one of the Protestant missionaries, who reproached him fiercely for having attended a meeting at the Popish priest’s house. So you see how jealousy annoys these reverend gentlemen.”

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