

An insurrection broke out in Demerara, in which a missionary of the London Missionary Society was executed, and caused "some rude fellows of the baser sort," to conceive the idea that now was the time to strike a death-blow to Methodism in Barbadoes. Base falsehoods were circulated with a view to inflame the public mind. Threats of violence were uttered, and attempts were made to set fire to the church in which the missionary was preaching.

He was obliged to flee to a place of safety. In vain did he appeal to the Governor for protection. That functionary seemed to be powerless. Mob-law was in force, in proof of which it may be stated, "the house of worship was pulled down, and the foundation stones were even cast into the sea." The depredators went so far as to say that "all Methodist preachers are warned not to approach these shores, as if they do, it will be at their own peril."

News of these calamities reached England in due course, and as is often the case when an opportunity presents itself, there are always some "philanthropists" who consider that all the blame should be cast upon the missionaries. So in this instance, *The Times* thundered against Mr. S. for interfering with "the peculiar institution." Sir T. F. Buxton and others were of a different opinion, and by their influence in the House of Commons, compelled the Government to interfere on behalf of those who were suffering so unjustly.

The reign of the wicked was short. The poor people of Barbadoes, though deprived of their pastor, still met together as often as they could, and encouraged each other in the Lord. After two years their numbers were even greater than when the persecution broke out, while some of the ringleaders in the strife had come to an untimely end. Another missionary was sent, and from that time to the present, Methodism has flourished in the island. A new church bearing the honoured name of *Shrewsbury* is to be seen not far from the site of the one which was demolished. There are also *fourteen* other churches on the island and *five* missionaries, *one* of whom is the son of the persecuted man, the eldest son of the family, who was born in the midst of the Barbadoes persecution, in consequence of which his father called him *Jeremiah*. There are also 2,000 members and 10,000 hearers, so we may see how God hath made the wrath of man to praise Him.