

ENCOURAGEMENT.

"In laying before the Society a report for the past quarter, although I cannot say much has been accomplished among our coloured brethren in the Mission, yet I feel assured that the relation of one or two circumstances which have come under my notice will give pleasure to their friends at home as they have done to myself. In visiting among them a short time since I called to see a poor old man who has been suffering severely from asthma for some time, and to whom, by the administration of medicines, I have on several occasions afforded relief. On this day he spoke with difficulty, on account of a distressing cough. He inquired whether I thought it probable he would suffer long in this way? On my replying that I was unable to say how long; that he might be relieved and live several years; but that his great care should be to live always prepared, he said, 'I place my trust on Jesus only, He died for me, He loves me, therefore I don't fear; I am quite willing to obey the summons whenever it shall come to call me to leave the world.' He seemed quite happy, and expressed great thankfulness when I read and prayed with him. I sent him some medicines in a day or two, which the Lord being pleased to bless, the poor old man is now again much better. Not many days after this I was called to visit two young men, neither of them over twenty-five, both suffering acutely, but from different diseases. They bore their sufferings with the greatest patience, and expressed their readiness to leave the world; the younger one (unmarried) just before he died, sang several verses of hymns; the other married, with one child) spoke of death with much pleasure to me often, and on my administering the Lord's Supper to him the evening before his death, he expressed himself as most thankful for the privilege, and at the same time declared his realization of that love which induced the Saviour to suffer for sinners. On my saying to him 'Are you ready to meet that Saviour?' 'Only too glad to do so,' was his reply; and when a friend of his observed how rapid was the progress of that disease (consumption) which was taking him away, he said, 'Nothing can be too rapid that takes me to Jesus.' I sometimes took him up little delicacies, as he could take only a small quantity of food, others in his neighbourhood did the same. He used frequently to say, 'I can make no return for your kindness, God will.' As far as he could he gave advice to those who visited him, saying how happy religion had made him since he had come under its influence.

"These cases, with many others of similar character, afford ample evidence how greatly those are mistaken who say that the coloured race know nothing of religion; my own experience has proved otherwise. I have attended many death beds in the West Indies and can bear testimony that many a poor African, as well as those who were born in the Islands, died rejoicing in the Saviour, able to say with good old Simon, 'Mine eyes have seen thy salvation.'

"I feel thankful that I am able to report that success attends my efforts in other parts of my mission; attendance on the Sabbath is good; Sunday-schools on the whole well attended. I thank God and take courage; believing that notwithstanding the many difficulties we have to encounter in a new country, the work of the Lord will prosper. I have travelled over 1,200 miles this quarter, paid over 280 visits, and as usual distributed tracts, and also little books to children, which I find induces them to read. I have also two Bible-classes, and in addition to my three Sabbath services, I attend and teach in a Sunday-school for an hour and a-half. I leave my humble efforts in the Lord's hands; may His blessing accompany them, and those of all who are endeavouring to win souls to Christ."

From the Rev. D. F. Morgan's Report in December :—

"The unfortunate events that have taken place in the Southern States and also in Jamaica tend very much to increase that feeling of distrust which exists between the white and the coloured races; and it is to be deplored the former look down on the latter