

On Sabbath, after praise and prayer, I have read both in English and Efik, a Psalm, or it may be two short ones, with a few explanatory observations, and in this way I have reached the 104th Psalm. After that, I have read a carefully written short discourse of twenty to thirty minutes. In this way I have given a series of lectures explanatory of the ten commandments, followed by a series on the great truths of the gospel way of salvation, thus aiming at making good the words of the apostle—the law is a schoolmaster to bring us to Christ. The completion and the opening of the new church in the beginning of September, was an important and interesting occasion. Since then, the attendance has been good and steady beyond my expectations, averaging fully 300 each Lord's day; and the increase of comfort and convenience afforded by the church to all parties and for all duties, cannot be expressed.

The ship *Mars*, lying at this town since the beginning of the year, has been regularly visited by me, immediately after our forenoon service in the church; when I have preached to the crew and distributed many tracts and lent good books among them, which, in some instances, I know to have been carefully and profitably read. Two of the coopers of the same ship, steady men, have regularly attended afternoon service ashore, and one of them has been received to the Lord's table as a Christian brother.

At the same time that I go to the ship, Mrs. Waddell, Mrs. Wylie, and other members of the church, both of the mission families and native youths, disperse in different directions, as reported last year, to keep meetings in some of the houses in town or in neighboring villages, among those who do not, or cannot, come to the house of God.

The Sabbath school continues to be pretty well attended from the hour of three till half-past four o'clock, and several of the classes are taught by native church members. From that hour till half past five or six the concluding public services of the day is held. Yet I can scarcely call it concluding; for at half past seven o'clock our family worship attracts from 10 to 20 of the young townspeople to our house, where, in happy and holy duties, we all close the day with God.

In our Wednesday evening members' class meeting, I have been going regularly through the Assembly's Shorter Catechism, endeavouring, by abundant and varied explanations, to make those who attend to understand its questions and answers. Those present consist of eleven baptised members, of whom two were added to the church during the year, and two are still under suspension; and of fourteen candidates or catechumens. Three of the candidates reported last year, are no longer following with us to seek salvation, yet they are generally in the church on Sabbath and often in the Sabbath school and Bible reading class. One girl of the class has gone with her mistress to live at Duke Town. Three of them have been married in a Christian manner, two of them being slaves, whose wives attend the class, not being restrained by the feelings and fashions which hinder the free ladies. A Sabbath women's class, taught at first by Miss Miller (now Mrs. Sutherland of Old Town), and latterly by Mrs. Waddell, has been kept up during the year. The twin mothers from the neighbouring village, and some women from the town attended, and show some sincerity therein. One of the most interesting of these females is a young woman from the king's own yard, who, not being a married wife, is not under the same constant restraint as those called wives are; she can come out on the Sabbath, but not, like some of the other women of the class, on the evenings of other days, for reading lessons. Her conscience seems touched and tender, and she appears to be very desirous of further knowledge in the way of salvation; her hearing of the Word is very earnest, and we indulge hopes that the Spirit of the Lord is dealing with her soul. Her position is perilous, and I entreat the prayers of God's people for her, and for all her class-mates.

*The School at Creek Town.*—Mr. John Wylie, the teacher, gives the following account of the school—The highest number in attendance was eighty four. The attendance of girls has been very small, indeed there are only twelve girls' names on the roll. Arithmetic, writing, reading in Efik and English, and geography for the first class only. The children are taught a verse from the Scriptures in Efik every forenoon, and sometimes the Efik Catechism in the afternoon. I have also taught them a few of the training school moral songs, as well as sacred songs, and they seem to be fond of them. Hours from 9 o'clock A.M. till a little past eleven, and from half-past two P.M. till five o'clock.