

they are all recaptured negroes and are in general married. From an earnest desire to have their children taught to read and that they might have an opportunity of hearing the Gospel, ~~Preachers~~ they commenced a subscription amongst for ~~enabled them~~ to build a Chapel. ~~and laid its foundations~~ which by the ~~liberty~~ we have taken to draw ~~the~~ the Committee for Diffusion ~~is now~~ ~~the~~ ~~new~~ ~~enabled~~ ~~and~~ ~~able~~ ~~to~~ ~~serve~~ the double purpose of a school and ~~a~~ ~~meeting~~ ~~Room~~. ~~we~~ ~~have~~ ~~three~~ who profess to enjoy peace with God and twenty four who are on trial ~~who~~ ~~offer~~ ~~under~~ different degrees of Concern for ~~salvation~~. ~~Here~~ we have appointed Moses Brown (a recaptured Negro whom I have taught to read & write) as School Master under the immediate care of the Brethren. We are fully satisfied as to his suitability for the work. He lived with me two years and on the whole behaved himself ~~to~~ ~~my~~ ~~to~~ ~~give~~ satisfaction. Not only do the children want instruction but also the Adults, and it gave me great pleasure to see the progress which several made from receiving only lessons each week which was all that my engagements would admit of. The congregation is usually from 40 to 80 and the prospects are very pleasing.

(208) Soldiers Town is the first of our Country villages for the ~~importance~~ of the fruit it has yielded to our Mission. It has received its name from ~~it~~ being the usual

residence of the recaptured Negro soldiers who are, in the African Corps. Its population may be averaged at six hundred Adults besides Children. On February 13th 1817 I commenced my labours in it and took my stand ~~a~~ ~~station~~ in the open air, on an elevated place and assisted by some of our members from Free Town began the service. At first about twenty attended chiefly females afterwards the number ^{increased} to 50 or 60. ~~It~~ ~~continued~~ my out door preaching 14 weeks when on July 6th I opened a walled meeting house which had cost us about ten pounds and would accommodate an hundred and fifty hearers. I now by the assistance of some of the leaders visited them three times each week twice on Sunday and on Thursday evening. The congregation was usually from 50 to 100 about two thirds women and ~~some~~ very attentive. Some became impressed by the truths which they heard and shewed by a reformation in their lives. ~~the~~ ~~desire~~ ~~of~~ ~~their~~ ~~improvement~~. ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~members~~ ~~I~~ ~~collected~~ and formed two classes and others ^{of} ~~were~~ ~~joined~~ to ~~some~~ of the classes in Free Town. The ~~concern~~ of many wore away but their places were more than filled up by the addition of others concerned for ~~their~~ ~~salvation~~. I found it very difficult at first to make myself understood and was obliged to accommodate myself to their capacities and knowledge of the English language. The state in which

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standing the signs of approaching delirium, weak as I was, into his room at 11th of July, and into the state of his feelings.

The present Chaplain kindly officiated for me. You my dear Father have lost a faithful Christian Missionary, and I a companion in the same path. I am much like a sparrow alone in the house.

A Missionary here, him; labouring from natural weakness. He was so weak that they could not do much for him.