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bruary 13th 1877
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one of our members
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5000 to 60. ~~meeting~~
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tance of some of the
e times each week
Thursday evening.
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and ~~was~~ very
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member of the
and others were joined
free town. The concern
their places were
the addition of others.
I found it
make myself
to accommodate
and knowledge
the state in which

I found them, unmarried, uneducated, sunk
in superstition, fornication and every vice
suggested the necessity of keeping them on trial
from six to eighteen months till their knowl-
ge was enlarged and their conduct bespoke
this ~~continued~~ sincerity of their desires of
salvation. In the latter end of Nov 1877 several
who had recently been for some time in deep
distress for their sins, made a clear and satis-
factory profession of having found forgiveness of sin
by the redemption of our Lord Jesus Christ. One
whose name is John Brown came to the Mission
house and said "he was come to tell me what God
had done for ~~my~~ his soul, that when I baptiz'd
his child (which had taken place about four weeks)
conviction seized his mind, that he had prayed
in the bush, in his house or where ever he might
be for the Lord Jesus to forgive his sins, that every-
thing bad that he had done came to his recollection
that his trouble was so great that he could neither
eat nor sleep, that his wife and former company
frequently questioned him as to what burdened his
mind and urged him to cut and not give way
to trouble, that when he had been at prayer in
a retired place in the bush and was returning
home he felt a sudden change pass upon his
mind, his trouble went away and gladness filled
his heart, that this good thing which he felt was
sweet, that in his own country he had eaten honey
and in whitmans (Sierra Leone is so called by the recepted
negroes) sugar, but this putting his hand to his head
is sweeter than all; that since his Mother bore him
he never felt the same, that if the Go^d had given him
plenty of shops full of cloth his heart could not

feel as glad as it did. Oh (he said) I thank God for this
good thing that ever he brought me into this country
and that he may ever keep this good thing on my
heart. This man has been preserved and made
very useful to the society which consists of about
thirty members and the same number on trial.
many of whom ~~the~~ conversion of ~~is~~ equally clear and
satisfactory. At ^{the} present time we have a new
walled meeting house (as the first after standing
two years sunk into decay) built chiefly by their
own exertions. It is generally filled by a congregation
from fifty to an hundred and fifty. The Brethren
Baker and Gillson have joined me in bearing
testimony to the pleasure which it always affords to
visit this society, the hearts of the members of which
abound with love and gratitude to God and their
ministers.

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Portiques Town, takes its
name from the majority of the inhabitants having
been rescued from the Portiques. In the beginning
of February 1877 I first visited this town and by
ringing a small bell collected the inhabitants, to
whom under the side of one of their huts in the open
air I published the truths of the Gospel. The hearers
were attentive and my congregation was usually
from thirty to forty. On the 13th April I opened a
walled meeting house in the village and by the help
of the leaders held meetings three times a week.
Two females appeared concerned for their salvation
whom I put under the care of an experienced Christian.
On May 5th 1877 I commenced a day school. ~~had~~
twenty nine ~~who~~ attended and seemed anxious

A Missionary had much ~~trouble~~ to discourage
him; labouring principally among a people who are so
naturally ~~simple~~ that, without being constantly watched
over & directed they are liable to instability, and I now
feel particularly in this head. My College dead, myself
was the so rainy, that our friends cannot

who are well acquainted with the subjects and with whom
I have consulted. The general way here with the Mission
aries in the Mountains is to call their People together
at day break every morning, and I think it is of great
advantage for reading and prayer, this is surely the best
way, as it takes them from wandering, but this we can
not do here. I have seen an old letter