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I am happy to inform you that after  
passing through the seasoning sickness (as it is generally called)  
we are fully recovered and enjoy good health.

I have received the Tickets for the March Quarter we have  
115 Members and 24 on trial 18 of whom form a class which Mr  
Brown has taken in charge.

The experience of the members is in general scriptural and  
rational some are very confident and I could wish that company  
united with a more humble temper; but every reasonable allowance  
may be made for people who have not had equal privileges  
with Europeans.

I have made some exertions to extend our sphere of labour  
we have a small wattle meeting house in Portegese Town  
nearly finished and 2 admitted on trial who are the seeds of  
the first country society belonging to us in the colony  
The population of the above place near 200 and is upon the  
increase.

Also in Soldiers Town (where all the Black soldiers live) I have  
begun to preach every Thursday evening. I stand in middle of the  
Town in the open air. My congregation is from 50 to 100 who are  
very attentive. This is a place publicly noted for the worst  
of sins. I have proposed for them to build a wattle meeting  
house and they have given their names to subscribe to the  
amount of 2.15.3. and the building will cost about 5.0.0  
These two meeting houses will answer a double purpose  
that of a meeting house & school also.

I have visited most of the Towns (or more properly the maybe  
called Villages) in the principal of which there are fixed  
superintendents who is Minister Magistrate School Master  
and Householder for the village in which he resides.

It is the Church Missionaries who or School Masters who  
have to sustain these several offices. Half of their salaries  
is paid by Government & the other half by the Church Mission  
society.

In Regent's Town the population is about 1200 Mr Johnson  
formerly a member of St. Stephen's church is a zealous and  
active Christian and some there are under a true concern  
for their souls salvation.

The schools (I think) are not in as prosperous a state as  
is generally expected at home. The superintendents attention  
is so much engaged by the temporal concerns of his station