

employed in this diabolical exercise; whom I found
sat on a mat which was spread on the ground with their
money staked down. On one occasion he had three dollars taken
away by his companions in the hurry of moving. After
his conversion, which was very striking, he invariably, by
the light of his ^{lamp}, after preaching, conducted me about a quarter
of a mile on my way home. This season for so doing came
to my knowledge about three months after, and was as
follows. When he lost his money, ^{he was} violently tempted to way
lay and knock me in the head with a stone, but was checked
with the thought that if he did that God whom I preached
to them would destroy him. "If (said he) when I lived in devil's hands
he told me to do that; this time plenty of people live in devil's
hands and he can tell them do all same. This make me
want to take care of you."

I am persuaded it was nothing but the special influence
of God's holy spirit that prevented him, as you will perceive
somewhat of his hardness of heart and abandon character from
the following facts, which I had from himself and others.

When Major Raddie was selecting ~~was selecting~~ some soldiers
to accompany him on the expedition, he and another were chosen
who were unwilling to go: with insolence and anger they left
the parade. The one went ^{immediately} and drowned himself, and the
man, when he got into his house, ~~and~~ loaded his musket
with six balls, and declared that he would discharge them at the
first man that dared attempt to take him; he sent his wife
for a bottle of Rum, which he drunk up, and sent her for more;
when she left the house, he got a rope, and hung himself
on a cross post. His wife coming home, found him in this state
gave an alarm, he was cut down just before life was wholly
left him, and carried to the hospital, when on the third day
he came to himself.

This man was amongst the first fruiters of my labours
in Soldiers Town: and now for more than twelve months
he has given the most incontestable evidence of a thorough
change both in principle and life. The spare time which
he formerly employed in gambling and drinking has since
been appropriated to the clearing, fencing, and planting

of about two acres of land; in the middle of which he
has built a very decent wattle'd fence. The money which
was formerly lost by gambling, and spent in drunkenness,
is now applied for clothes to cover his wife and children
to provide his house with furniture, & his land with stock.
The zeal, activity, fervour, & constancy of this man's piety
has provoked many others, so that now he has about six or
seven Brethren who have experienced the same change
~~as he~~ ^{and} pursue the same manner
of life. In addition to whom there are about twenty ^{poor} ^{poor}
whom his piety & stability is not far behind that of ordinary ^{poor} ^{poor}
in England. Does not the above strikingly verify that
gracious promise in Isaiah XL. 6-9, "The wolf also shall dwell
with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid
and the calf and the young lion & the fattening together and
a little child shall lead them. And the cow and
the bear; their young ones shall lie down together and
the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking
child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned
child shall put his hand on the Cockatrice den. They
shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain."

I have sown in tears but now I reap in joy.
Thank God, this is an ample recompence for every
sigh, every tear, every shaking ague, every burning
fever, every bereavement, every restless & sleepless
night, I have had to endure since I came to Africa.
This makes me very reluctant to leave. I feel I love
their precious souls; the ^{affairs} ^{affairs} of my heart are
interwoven with theirs. And I know they love me;
this is union with joyous sense of my own acceptance
makes me willing to spend & be spent for the welfare
of the Church, and the honour of my adorable Redeemer,
to count nothing dear unto me so that I may finish
my course with joy, and be received to that eternal
rest which remains for the people of God.

My European Brethren are extremely kind, many