

and last Sunday Morning I Baptized 15 of their children when about 60 or 70 adults were present in our little wattle meeting house with which we have in this village.]

[The other school is at the west end of the town near our house and consists of upwards of 40 girls which Mr Brown teaches sewing & reading.

We open school with singing & prayer & conclude in the evening with the same exercise. We have no assistance except from a boy whom I got from the Hospital about 4 months back he ~~was~~ knew the alphabet and can now read a chapter in the Testament in a moderate way. he being serious and steady & eager to improve himself, & attentive to his charges.]

The above engagements together with Preaching visits the sick & ~~voluntarily~~ keep me in full employ and are more than I can do ~~with~~ to the edification of the people & my own credit. This will be evident when you consider my situation being stationary & having many defects & wants a full view of these things will lead the Committee to see I am persuaded the necessity of sending a preacher to take Mr Davies place as superintendant of the Mission here: as there is the likelihood of his resuming his work ~~here~~ to the comfort & well being of the parties (however this is my opinion.)

I am thankful that we enjoy our health and have (thank) passed through the season of sickness. I should like to live that I may be an instrument of good to this Mission - I am often discouraged on account of my being ~~an~~ apparently a useless missionary - I can say with ^{truth} the greatest

evil that I can contemplate is ^{to} spend my days as a dead weight in the skirts of the Church of God.]

Dr Sir Please to write me, and present our kind regards to Mr Wood, Miss Wood & family, and if you have an occasion to go to St George, shall be much obliged if you will present my kind regards to Mrs Captain Rowe & tell her I have got a letter directed for Captain Rowe whom I am afraid I cannot forward to him in time want of conveyance. If not opportunity shall offer the ^{course} ~~course~~ of 5 or 6 weeks I will put them under & send them back.

Dr Sir You will please excuse my errors and omissions in part as an apology for my sending you this blotched Epistle my want of time to rewrite it - and

Believe me your
Obedient Servant
in the Gospel

Am Brown

N B. The rains are set in and our clothes are very damp so that the stone is likely to be very useful.