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on each side of him. Next came the silver cup in which the incense was burning, and both dignitary attendants and choristers received the benefit of the smoke, after the water was sprinkled in the faces of the above assembly each man in his turn & the service was concluded. I did not see two persons whom I could distinguish as ecclesiastical members of the congregation: if you excepted the Priests and Officers, the Church might be said to be empty. I am told, that one of these Priests has lately absconded being dissatisfied with his Religion, and great pains have been taken to find him out, in order to bring him to punishment.

From this place, I proceeded to the College where the Regimental School belonging to the 2^d Royal Veteran Battalion is conducted by Sergeant Gibson. In this school are taught about 60 Children, boys and girls, and the sight was very gratifying: but, my dear Sir, you will be surpris'd to learn that these fine children had scarce any books to read in: and Mrs Matthews who keeps a school of about 40 children in the same place was equally destitute of books. There are also two other English Schools at the Fairy Barracks containing about 40 little children each, and conducted by Mr Poppe & Mr Stokes, in which I only found one Bible, two or three Testaments bearing the marks of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and three or four worn out Spelling Books. Sergeant Gibson inform'd me that he expected a supply of Testaments when Mr Coustrey returned from England & however thought it my duty to furnish him with some for present use, as I had a few at hand on board the Earl Spencer. I accordingly presented to him