

Colleagues live as quietly and comfortably as we can expect
to do in an heathen land.

I commenced teaching school in August 1810. My little
wild pupils were all noise and play during the first four
months. We could scarcely hear them read for their incessant
shouting, singing and dancing. The first month they attempted
to repeat their lessons in the school house very well, but we
soon had to follow them to a short distance into the bushes.
I had no command over them, having at that time neither
provisions nor rewards to give them. Since I received these, my
authority and influence have been greatly augmented amongst
them. I can now command their attention. They will learn
to read and write, work at their raiment, make fences and
fetch water and firewood very cheerfully. They rise at daylight
according to the custom of the nations in general, and repeat
their lessons to me. After breakfast several of the boys write a
copy. The girls are employed in making their raiment the
whole of the day. After dinner the Native children repeat
their lessons to my colleague Mr. Carlisle. The Boys learn
to write on every day of the week except Sundays. The
children of the settlers are also instructed by myself and
Mr. Carlisle. The settlers join in Public Worship twice on
every Lords Day, the Prayers of the Church of England are read