

7. I am happy to say that no one besides Mr. H. wishes to act upon such a system, in so much as you and the Society disapprove of such conduct.

There is not one child under instruction in either of your settlements, but you will perceive from my journal that such an object may be effected without much trouble.

March 11. I am attempting to teach four young men to read. They are employed by Mr. W. Hod as lawyers, I have them in my room twice a day for about one hour each time after which they proceed to their work. They improve much faster than could be expected, and they are very diligent in their attendance.

Mrs. Leigh has four native girls twice a day. She teaches them to read, and pray, and always concludes by praying with them herself. These girls are very desirous to learn so much that if Mrs. Leigh be prevented from attending to them they are much concerned. The girls are employed in working after they have read and prayed. The young men and women can now read well words of one syllable, when they began they could not tell the first letter last evening one of the young men began to write and we hope he will be able in a few months to send you a letter.

Notwithstanding the many evils which prevail among the brethren in this place good has been done. The natives universally condemn the practice of Mr. Hendell and I believe God is ruling the hearts of the heathen to be favourable to the servants of his Gospel. They have said that if Mr. H. attempts to do us any injury they will defend us, for Mr. Hendell has lost his influence with them.

March 9, To day a few natives came to me with a matt, and offered it for sale, I had forgotten the day of the week, and observed to them that I was in want of two matts, and if they would bring me two to-morrow I would purchase them. A native man said "we cannot bring our matts to-morrow for that will be the sacred day," with some shame I observed yes it will. I had forgotten that it will be the Sabbath and requested them to bring them matts the day after.