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AN ADDRESS
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FOR THE
SUPPORT of the MISSIONS,
Carried on by the METHODIST SOCIETY,
IN THE
WEST INDIES, NOVA SCOTIA, and
NEWFOUNDLAND.

By THOMAS COKE, LL.D.
AN
ADDRESS,
&c. &c.

Dearly Beloved in the Lord,

I EMBRACE the earliest opportunity of returning you my grateful acknowledgments for your liberal contributions, in support of our missions to the West Indies, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland. I have laid my receipts and disbursements before a committee of the conference, having expended about fifty pounds more than I received.

I cannot present to you a clearer account of our success in the West Indies, than by laying before you extracts from two letters which I have lately received from two of the missionaries, which, with the account of my visit to those islands lately published, will, I trust, afford you some degree of satisfaction.

"Antigua, April 30, 1787.

"Reverend and dear Sir,

"HAVING received information from brother Clarke that he had got the grant of one hundred and fifty acres of land near the Carribbs, in St. Vincent's, in order to erect a chapel and school for the propagation of the gospel among them, and requesting, moreover, that I would pay a visit to St. Vincent's, brother Warrener and I failed to that island about A. 2 three
three weeks ago. We met brother Clarke at Kingston; and the next day went to see the land above mentioned. The Carribbs are willing to receive us as missionaries, and to give up their children to be taught by us. This undertaking will be attended with expense at present, in which I trust, our English friends will assist us, as we have no resources yet in the West Indies. Antigua, indeed, can support its own expense; but there is no provision made yet for a preacher at St. Vincent's. Brother Warrener is well received, and his labours much blessed at Antigua; but is in a poor state of health at present. Our society at Antigua consists of forty-three whites, and one thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven blacks, besides those we have on trial. I bless God I still desire to be entirely devoted to his service. I feel much my own weakness, and want of abilities and grace for so important a work. Wishing you all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus, and hoping that your life will be spared, for the good of the church, I remain
"Your affectionate brother in Christ,
"JOHN BAXTER."

"St. Christopher's, June 15, 1787.

"Dear and reverend Sir,

"If I do not get some assistance from Europe or America, I must inevitably give up St. Eustatius; as the work at St. Kitt's is of much greater importance at present. I have occasionally visited St. Eustatius since your departure. Our numbers there are increased, whom I have put into regular classes. I waited on the captain of the island, who received me cordially, and gave me an invitation to dinner. "He
"He desired me to get my recommendatory letters ready against the governor's arrival, who has been expected here for some time. Last night a gentleman from Montserrat visited me, who is under conviction, and longs for one of our missionaries to go to that island. He has under his influence two hundred negroes; and he told me, that the person we should send there might freely make use of his house as his home, and moreover, that he would give ten or twelve Johannes* out of his own purse as a part of his salary, and that he might preach round the island, wherever he pleased. He heard me preach twice with great attention. About two years ago he was at Bath, and heard some gospel-ministers, which was of use to him. He tells me his wife and children are religiously disposed. This may be an opening for good. In my former letter I mentioned that we have in this island one hundred and fifty, and in St. Eustatius sixty-two; since I wrote that letter, I have an increase of one hundred, including Catechumens. The people begin to do something towards the support of the missionaries, which, with some more money from England (used with economy), may, I hope, lay a foundation for the conversion of many thousand souls. After this year, the island will, I apprehend, fully support its own ministers.

When I was at St. Eustatius last, I had an opportunity of seeing two Bermudians (men of consequence), who, when I mentioned my desire of going some time to their island to preach, gave me an invitation to their houses. Also two gentlemen of Anguilla, when on a

* A Johannes is one pound sixteen shillings sterling.
visit at St. Kitt's, left their address at Sandy
Point, on hearing of me, and expressed a de-
sire that I should go there to preach. I feel a
great desire that the Grenadoes, Barbadoes, and
Jamaica, should be visited. O that God would
dispose some zealous, pious young men to come
here to seek and to save the wandering children
of Canaan, many of whom are ready to re-
cieve the truth! In St. Kitt's, I have begotten
a lawyer in the gospel, who formerly resided in
London; who had been a mocker of the truth,
but was cut to the heart on hearing me preach
from Mark viii. 38. and he is now justified. One
of the searchers in the custom-house is also
begotten to a lively hope, and is now a class-
leader, whom, I trust, God designs for the
ministry.

"I am, dear and reverend Sir, &c.
"WILLIAM HAMMETT."

Our preachers have also in those islands a large
number of Catechumens, or persons under instruction
for baptism, who are not accounted members of
our society. Our infant-work in Nova Scotia
prospers also much: we have about six hundred
(chiefly whites) in society, who maintain the few
preachers we have there at present. In Newfound-
land we proceed but slowly. Our great harvest
in the British dominions in America, is in the
West India islands, which contain, according to
the exactest computation that has been made, not
less than half a million of negroes, who seem to
be all ready to receive the gospel. There the
fields are ripe indeed: but for some years the ex-
pense will be very great, especially in supporting
the mission among the poor Caribbes at St.Vincent's,
the conversion of whom will be an unspeakable
blessing
blessing even in a political point of view, but how much more in a religious!

O help us, my brethren, I beseech you by the love of God: have pity, have pity on those outcasts of men, the poor oppressed negroes. It is in your power to make a full compensation to them for the temporal distresses they endure, by enabling us to make to them in the name of the Lord an offer of eternal blessings. And ye well know, that “God is not unrighteous, to forget your work and labour of love which ye shew toward his name.”

I am, dearly beloved in the Lord,
Your truly affectionate brother and servant,

THOMAS COKE.

Southampton, August 10, 1787.

LITTLE, I think, need be added to the preceding account. Here is a glorious beginning; and, I trust, it is only the beginning of those wonderful things which God is about to work upon the earth! Let all that fear him continue instant in prayer, that the whole earth may be filled with his glory.

JOHN WESLEY.