"Long time my heart no lay down, O plenty! plenty trouble!!! me
no sleep, I beg God, I no sleep, I no eat, I cry all time. Debil trouble
me plenty, he go catch me, ~~[illegible]~~ I pray hard for God, him
dindin my word, and he make my heart lay down." * Since this my
boy, being an altered character, he is smart, active and obedient, previous
to this he was mischievous & negligent, and continually engaged in altera-
tions with other boys; as far as I am capable of judging I think he has
truly experienced the change "from nature to grace". He has of his own
accord attached himself to the Meth. Epis. Church, is a member of one
of their classes, and from the highly respected ~~[illegible]~~ head of this body, the
Rev. A. D. Williams I have obtained & forwarded a certificate of his mem-
bership, which I hope he will ~~only~~ pardon me for inserting here. *

Here ~~then~~ is positive proof of the Colonial & Colonist being serviceable
on this coast in evangelizing the heathen. Instances of this kind are of
weekly, and almost daily occurrence in some of our Colonies — Mr the
native boy, situated under circumstances similar to that of Walcott
& in the colony, has recently embraced religion. In the case of both
these I can depict, that neither of them has been exposed to direct Miss-
ionary influences, whatever changes have been wrought in them, has been
solely produced, by the ~~[illegible]~~ Colonist, by their residence in our
families, and by their being encouraged to attend the preaching of the
Colonial Ministers of the M. E. Church. I am well aware that there
are individuals, who will not scruple to view this matter in the light
of an experiment, and indeed I cannot but frankly acknowledge that
such it was with me — but it is doubted whether they can depre. the
importance of the result — Until our Colonist were accused of enter-
taining hostile feelings towards ~~the natives~~ and of exercising a decidedly
injurious influence on the natives, we never felt ourselves called upon
to enter on ~~their~~ our defence, nor to trumpet forth the benefits that we
occasionally rendered the natives — we felt confidant that the certainty of
our influence were so far known and acknowledged, by the American public
who are interested in African affairs, that we left it entirely to Mission-
aries, to report the progress of Religious Matters, and it is only on the
failure of such, to give us our due share of credit, and the mis-
representations which it seems have gone forth, that we are forced to
proclaim our own usefulness. The modesty of our Colonial
ministers in this particular is such (with the exception of the Rev. O. S. Brown
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