B. F. Drayton
April 10th 1851

Rev. I am happy to inform you of the prosperity of the several missions. There seems to be more life in the operations, and strict attention given to it by its managers.
We hope that these efforts shall prove effectual on the Africans, as it is most desirable. They are beginning to inquire after truth in various parts, among various characters. I do not say that the spread of civil influence is general, though effective in very many cases, to the buoyancy of the labourer for vital piety.

The Southern Baptist mission was organized here 3 years ago, & has now in full operation a Day School with about 80 colonists, and about from 8 to 12 native youths.
At the Native towns in the settlement, the word of Life" is preached by its missionary. The Baptists of this place have built a house of worship. It may be called a convenient house, and a pleasant situation. The house is 40 feet long and 19 wide, with a small cupola, for our bell.
We have stated, or regular meetings.
Our Mission expects to extend its operation after this year. The field is wide and fully encouraging for extension, though it is expected that such movement will be done judiciously.
The Present Existing Circumstances of the Natives rendered the case legal. There are wars, and still rumours of more wars; and I see no way to mitigate these evils some, only by planting the Missionary standard at every available spot: and let the blood stained Banner be unfurled to every breeze, so that the numerous Tribes may rally under it, and catch its healing favour.
I should be pleased to receive any papers or book that you may have to spare. As you are a Lawyer, perhaps you may help me to a book or so — Ansd. Oct. 1851

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