NATIVE AFRICAN PREACHERS AND TEACHERS.

In the Nos. of the Cavally Messenger, published by the Episcopal Mission, at Cape Palmas, we notice reports from the various teachers and missionaries located at the different stations of that mission. We select a few, at random, to show how the much despised and uncivilized natives of Africa feel and talk. The boys who wrote the following, were but a few years since literally *sans culotte* heathen, whose highest hopes were some day to get a thatched hovel to live in, and any number of wives to labor for them. Now they are preachers and teachers of the everlasting gospel, in a manner too, that proves effectual to the bringing of their brethren into the fold. It really seems unnecessary, as some of our good folks think, to transport these people to our continent, and keep them in servitude several generations, to make them christians.

Report of T. C. Brownell.

Brethren, an Apostle says, "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable." In considering what I have patiently suffered from the people during this term, I feel as I did at another convocation, what is the hope of our patience, self-denial, and perseverance in our Christian profession, and also in our appropriate labors of evangelizing these heathens, was only in this transitory world, then we are of all men most miserable. But notwithstanding all this, brethren, we are called by our blessed Saviour to rejoice and leap for joy, for the reward is great in Heaven. And if they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household.

At Bohlen there are two thatched houses, one as the teacher's residence, and the other for the boarding scholars, seven in number. Oh what a trifling and despisable matter does this seem compared with the largest towns of Webo, as well as the other tribes by whom we are surrounded.

Oh brethren, how small and weak is this number which has the responsibility of spiritual hostility with thousands and tens of thousands of heathens.

But brethren, as David's sling, which was despisable and ridiculous in the sight of the Philistines and their giant Goliah, overcame such a large sword as could not be lifted up with one hand so we also hope and pray that a little fire shall kindle greatly, and by perseverance, "a little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation." The deportment of the scholars is satisfactory and encouraging. They are regular and punctual at school as well as at prayers. They are also improving in their studies. The two scholars who were baptized during the last year, still hold on to their Christian profession, and I may well say of them, as the disciples, that they have been with Jesus, and have learned of him. The Sunday services have not been neglected since our last Christmas meeting at N. Lu, except on one Sunday the people were practising cannibalism.

Congregations in the said town have not been so large as formerly, on account of their engagements on their rice farms. But, notwithstanding, He that hath said go heal the sick, go raise the dead, has bestowed much blessing on my labors, and has brought a young man from heathenism to christianity; and his baptism will take place as soon as is convenient. I

am sorry the school is sometimes interrupted, as the affairs of the station depend on the teacher alone. Missionary tours have been taken three times since our last Christmas meeting, to six different tribes.

As I stated in my last report, so it is the case still, that tours throughout the Webo tribe have been interrupted for having no assistant at the station.

And I do hope and pray, that before long, Rev. H. H. Messenger and wife will join the Bohlen mission, and take charge of the station.

Report of S. Boyd, Fishtown.

Dear Christian friends, my visit to Garraway is once a month to spread the Gospel truths among them. Please bring to your recollection my last report concerning the king of that place, how he addressed his people after my speaking to them. This king, I am happy to say, is much reformed, he wishes me always to be with him, that I may teach his people about the things of God. Also in this town lives a devil doctor, a middle aged man, who is much opposed to the Word of God. I had this doctor called to come and hear about God; he said nothing, but got his monkey skin and just walked out from the town. Being absent about half an hour he returned, and without saying any thing to me, he went to his house. After the service was over, I walked up to his house and said, "what is the reason you are constantly neglecting to come and hear the Word of God?" "Oh Boyd," said he, "white men have ruined all the Grebo children, and have stored up so many aggravating lies in them, that they are not ashamed to tell it out. Never call me again to this thing; while we doctors are pouring pure water into a jug, you are constantly endeavoring to empty out ours, and put in your muddy clay water, which will ruin every body if they drink it. I am the real doctor of this place. My greegrees will keep us from harm. I can tell a person what will come upon him either bad or good, by asking my devil. I have thus enough of protection. If the people choose to follow your words they may, but let them remember they will find many mysterious things which they will seek to know, but no one can tell them, unless they apply to us doctors." Many more such things he said, which I did not note down.

I placed all in the hands of God and came home.

At home I assist Mr. Williams in reading the service in Grebo every Sunday, after services I usually go around the towns and speak to those who do not attend. On every Saturday I visit the towns, calling on the poor. Mr. Chandler goes to Middletown on Sundays. Our new premises are not yet completed. The day school is not entered upon yet on account of the boys being with their parents on the rice farms.

Report of C. Morgan.

Dear Christian Brethren,—I would not attempt to write this report if it were not my privilege, always to give information of what God has enabled me to do in the mission.

I regard it also a great privilege that I have here an opportunity to hear how the kingdom of God is extending among the heathen by whom we are surrounded. Concerning these, we may have great reason to hope that if we do what we can, God will open their eyes to see the light of the glorious gospel, in our days. My labors as a teacher of the male school at Cavalla is still going on as usual. The scholars have been

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