At Settra Kru, a small native boarding school has continued under the care of Mr. Washington M'Donogh. One individual who has joined the church at Sinou, traces his first religious impressions to this school.

FURTHER MISSION INTELLIGENCE.

Dr. Thornley, a surgeon in the United States navy, was recently compelled by ill-health to spend a short time at the Episcopal Mission Station, at Cape Palmas. After his departure he wrote to the Rev. C. C. Hoffman on the subject of what he terms the great work in which he is engaged. He regrets that he was unable to visit the sixteen stations, which he learns are in successful operation.

"This," he adds, "is what is actually being done. A great majority of the stations are under the charge of native teachers, who, rescued from the chains of heathen superstition, and educated in the Christian faith, are now manfully fighting under the banner of the cross, and pointing out to their brethren, according to the flesh, the road to victory through Jesus, the way, the truth and the life.

"I have witnessed a semi-annual examination of the orphan girls, (colonists,) twenty-six of whom are receiving in this institution, besides food and raiment for their bodies, and protection from vice, the more important food of mental, moral and religious instruction. Their acquaintance with the various branches of useful knowledge, proves how faithful their accomplished teacher, Miss Ball, performs her task. The neatness of their dress, and their ordinary conduct, mark the careful and judicious supervision of Mrs. Hoffman, while the promptness with which they answer all kinds of Scripture questions, indicates how thorough is the religious instruction they receive from yourself. To every lover of religion it will be gratifying to learn that this cultivation is beginning to yield its legitimate fruit in the happy conversion of several of the girls, one of whom, a few months ago, on her death bed, gave unmistakable evidence of the operation of the Holy Spirit, and resigned her breath in full assurance of faith and a comforting hope of a blissful immortality. If this examination was interesting, far more so, for some reasons, was that of the native Christian scholars of Hoffman station. Their docility, diligence, and quickness in the reception of knowledge, augur well for the Missionary cause, as it is upon them, as I have before said, the hope of African Missions depends.

"I visited the high school at Mt. Vaughan, so ably presided over by the Rev. Mr. Crummell, whose immediate ancestors were native Africans, though he himself was born in the United States. To this school the most promising of the boys from the various stations are sent at the proper time, and here complete their education prior to the commencement of their labors in the Missionary field. Unfortunately I did not witness the examination, though I learn it was most satisfactory.

"In addition to these few words on the subject of your legitimate Missionary labors, much might be added concerning St. Mark's Hospital, the walls of which are now rising above surrounding objects, for which blessing the sick and homeless mariner; as well as the destitute of every other calling, will be indebted mainly to the energy and perseverance of Bishop Payne and yourself; but I have already extended this letter beyond its proper limits.

"With my earnest prayers that the lives of all your family may be long spared to perform the noble work to which they have been devoted, and that your labors may be crowned with complete success."

In March last, the Rev. Geo. Hubbard and wife returned from their Missionary labors in Africa. Mrs. Hubbard sunk under the influence of African fever to her final rest, in the hope of glory, on the 6th of May. Mr. R. H. Morine, a Liberian catechist, in charge of a station, in the rear of Bassa Cove, died on the 9th of March. The death of Miss Spaulding is greatly lamented. She died in great peace, with earnest prayer for the heathen and for the Missionary, and desiring to depart and be with Christ. To her mother and family, she sent the message, "tell them it is sweet to die and go home to Jesus."

From the Liberia Christian Advocate.

DEATH OF JUDGE HANSON.—This old resident of Liberia, departed this life on the 16th ult. The immediate cause of his removal, we have not learned: we doubt not, however, that weight of years was the principal agent in this solemn matter.

Judge Hanson, as he was familiarly called, was one of Liberia's most ardent lovers. Upon her interest, he would not consciously turn his back. In peace and war, with friend or foe, he stood by what he believed to be the highest good of his country. In no heart did a purer patriotism glow than in that of *John Hanson.*

We believe he was from the state of Maryland in America originally. His early days were passed under circumstances that afforded him but little—very little—opportunity for the improvement of his mind. And that melee of care and toil, of danger and watchfulness that supervened upon his adoption of Liberia as a home, precluded, almost wholly, the idea of enjoying much quiet time for the purpose of familiarizing one, passing through the ordeal and filling the various offices he did, with what is desirable, if possible, that every public man should know something of. Hence, Mr. Hanson, in modest keeping with his opportunities, never made any pretensions to literature. He never affected to be what he knew he was not. But he was a man of strong natural good sense, and often made himself felt and feared by those whose advantages in every way had been vastly better than his own.

For years he has been a local preacher in the M. E. Church. He was never talented, or commanding; but very useful. A more hospitable and benevolent citizen and christian, never need tread Liberian soil.

Brother Hanson had his foibles. We are as free to confess and regret them, as any one: and we are just as free to implore in his behalf, as for our own individual infirmities, a covering of the largest scriptural charity. We thus speak because the writer of christian biography, like the minister of the gospel on funeral occasions, must be careful how he discolors, and thus misleads.

We are informed that Brother Hanson died in peace, and we are comforted by the intelligence. He has gone through and suffered much for the well-being of society; and generally with a disinterestedness meriting the imitation and gratitude of his country and the church. Then,

"The hero's honors, let the hero have."

The above may be considered a sufficiently extended obituary of our old friend John Hanson, but the omission to mention his most distinguishing characteristic induces us to affix the oft quoted line of Pope, where it so justly belongs—

"An honest man is the noblest work of God."

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