

is impossible for them to get their children there; for to do so, they must be themselves devout members of the church, and first place their children at one of the district schools; while it depends, after all, upon the selection of the missionaries, whether the boys will be allowed to enter.

From this school, of late years, have been taken all the native teachers, and most of them are employed on the part of the government; it therefore becomes desirable to all to have their children educated in it.

There is another circumstance which prevents and interferes with the proper cultivation of this establishment, namely, the want of water, which the native land-owners refuse to allow the use of for the lower part of the grounds. With a very little trouble and expense, this difficulty might be overcome; but there is wanting the inclination, both on the part of the missionaries and government, to effect a change.

It is easy to point out the defects in an establishment, but much more difficult to suggest a remedy. The difficulty is, perhaps, not easily overcome, but I will offer one or two plans, which appeared to me to be feasible, and calculated to give the natives a turn towards becoming a pastoral as well as an agricultural people. The pupils should be taught the care of cattle and the superintendence of flocks, to which pursuit the greater part of the land of these islands is well adapted. A sufficient inducement might be held out for exertion, by giving them a portion of the increase of the flocks, that would recompense them for their care, without increasing the expenses of the society. Above all things, in their manual labour schools the higher branches should not be taught before the pupils are all well grounded in the lower ones; for instance, I can conceive of nothing more absurd and useless than spending the time of both teachers and scholars in studying Greek, as was proposed. Fortunately for the students, however, they could not proceed for want of books. I would not be understood as throwing any blame on the missionaries: there are many errors committed and expenses incurred in conducting a mission, that ought to be looked at with much charity by those who are visitors, as well as by the society at home. Even a slight knowledge of the situation of things will show how difficult it is for the Board of Missions to judge of the expenses incurred in carrying on their operations, and how unwise it is for the managers at home to control their agents, except by some general rules applicable to their duties. The employment of persons in whom they have confidence is the best and only security; and if those who are invested with