

events the power of the heathen party has been, if not entirely broken, rendered so weak as to remove all cause for future alarm; the government of the christian rulers has been confirmed; and increased opportunities and means have been afforded for extending the empire of truth and righteousness.

In this island we have nearly eighty Local Preachers, and about the same number of Class Leaders; under whose care are one hundred and thirty classes. The number of members in society is one thousand and fifty; we have one hundred and seventy-three school teachers, and one thousand and sixty-seven children in our schools.

In the *Haabai* and *Vavou* islands nearly the entire population is under the pastoral care of the Missionaries. In the island of *Vavou* we have one hundred and sixty-nine Local Preachers, eight hundred and four Class Leaders, three thousand four hundred and seventy-three members, five hundred school teachers, and three thousand four hundred and ninety-nine scholars.

During the past year the inhabitants of *Haabai* have had to pass through severe afflictions and trials. Early in the season a tremendous hurricane swept across the island, and destroyed nearly all the fruits of the earth. Famine and disease followed; and many of the people were reduced to the greatest poverty and wretchedness. In the midst of all this they evinced great patience and resignation; and were enabled, by the grace of God, to bear up under their suffering, and to look forward with joyful anticipation to that better land, where want and disease, sorrow and sighing are done away. Upward of one hundred of our members have died during the year; most of whom left the present life in sure and certain hope of a resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the *Haabai* islands we have ninety Local Preachers, two hundred and forty-two Class Leaders, and three thousand three hundred and twenty-three members. We have five hundred and forty teachers, and two thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine children in the schools.

A more extensive field of labour is opened to our brethren in the *Feejee Islands*—of which there are upwards of three hundred—and which contain a population of more than two hundred thousand souls. The moral and social condition of these people is wretched in the extreme; as the following graphic description given by Mr. Cargill will sufficiently prove:

“Most of the people live within places fortified by stone walls; and those stone walls are surrounded by ditches. The site of their fortifications is an elevated piece of ground, a ridge of rocks, or the summit of a mountain. Fear, I believe, and not inclination, impels them to reside in such inaccessible and dangerous places; for frequently the inhabitants of one town or district rush upon those of another without any warning or provocation but hereditary hate; slaughter the whole