

ings, capable of holding from 80 to 150 persons, benched, lighted with perhaps six candles. They have no flooring but the plain earth; but they are admirably adapted to the purpose; and I think it no small honour to have thirty of these little sanctuaries attached to the church over which God has placed me. I say not this in a spirit of boasting: no, I have nothing to boast of—it is the Lord's doing, and he shall have all the glory. But as Paul, when calumniated and despised by the Corinthian churches, did not hesitate to vindicate his claims, so, when a people, dear to me as my life, are reproached and slandered by those who have not virtue enough to imitate their excellencies, and who hate them for their success in well-doing, I feel every emotion of my bosom rising in honest indignation at such an unchristian course.

As for our Sabbath services, would that you were here to see them—I cannot fully describe them. A chapel, 80 feet by 50, not pewed, to waste the room, but closely benched, and filled almost to suffocation, while, through the open windows, crowds of anxious hearers are seen listening to the words of life, their bare heads, in the mean time, exposed to the scorching rays of a tropical sun; and hundreds go away, unable to obtain a place. Oh! my dear friend, God is indeed blessing me here. I am filled with wonder, gratitude, and praise. Pray for me, that I may not become proud, but may be always found faithful, and that the work which God appears so wonderfully to have revived, may be carried on to the day of Christ:

"Then loudest of them all I'll sing,  
While heaven's resounding arches ring  
With shouts of sovereign grace!"

My time is very busily occupied. Three sermons a week to prepare; preaching Sabbath morning at half-past ten, afternoon at three o'clock; meeting the country people in the chapel after seven o'clock; marriages and registrations after the services: so that my Sabbaths are not days of rest, though often seasons of refreshment. Monday evenings, class meetings; Tuesday evening, deacons' and leaders' meeting; Wednesday, prayer-meeting; Thursday preaching; Friday and Saturday, meetings for examining candidates. I often wonder how I keep up, yet strength is given equal to my day; and although I do not feel so robust and hearty as in England, yet I am in excellent health."

#### VAN DIEMAN'S LAND.

There appears to be a good deal of religious zeal in Adelaide. In one of the papers just received there are advertisements of the opening of a Scotch Presbyterian place of worship, and Subscription Lists for the erection of

Wesleyan and Baptist Chapels. In one day upwards of £375 were subscribed for a Baptist Chapel.—*Colonial Gazette*, December 11, 1839.

#### SANDWICH ISLANDS.

In a communication of Mr. Armstrong are found the following facts, in relation to the progress of instruction on the islands. The native schools are chiefly composed of children of from four to fifteen years of age. "Nearly all the children in the nation attend a school of some sort pretty regularly." On the island of Maui the children are required by law to attend a school five days in a week. Large numbers of children are making rapid advances in various branches of elementary learning. Some hundreds of these children have given evidence of personal piety so satisfactory that they have been received as members of the church, while hundreds of others are more or less serious. Such has been the general prevalence of religious feeling, that comparatively little open immorality is observed among the children.—*Baptist Missionary Magazine*.

CHOCTAWS.—In November last Mr. Hotchkin wrote from Good Water, in the western part of the Choctaw country, as follows:—"At a protracted meeting, held the first Sabbath in August, ten or eleven came forward and desired the prayers of God's people. Since that time five of that number have made a profession of their faith in Christ. Three of these are youth, and have been members of our family and school for the past year. I am happy to say that their walk thus far has been in accordance with the gospel of Christ. At a meeting, held the first Sabbath in October, several more were moved, as we hope, by the Spirit to ask an interest in our prayers. And we hope to see them soon come out from the world and be separate from sin and sinners. Since August there have been ten persons added to our church in this district, some by letter and some on examination. These things have created some new joy on earth, and I hope and trust in heaven also. Oh that the Lord would send down his Spirit in copious effusions."—*Missionary Herald*.

#### PARIS EVANGELICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

At the annual meeting of the society in April, 1839, the following statement was made concerning the progress of the mission in South Africa, during the year.

At the seven stations under the care of the society, forty-eight converted adults and for-