

The solemnization of the Sacrament was much desired, to hallow the duties of the day. Mrs. Baker, and many more, were "hungering and thirsting after it." This blessing is so often withheld in the poorer settlements, from a want of the elements, that I must in future provide wine for sacramental purposes. Every day there were baptisms, which I have not thought necessary to notice.

28th.—Returned to Sheet Harbour, where a congregation was expecting us. It required great exertion to be punctual to the hour, owing to the difficulty of crossing the brooks, which the late rains had swelled so as to inundate large tracts of country.

29th.—We passed, with a boat, to Taylor's Head. We hauled the boat over the ice about four miles of the distance; about as far as she was propelled by oars in the open sea; during the remainder, we had to cut our way through fields of floating and forming ice. The various modes, and the novelty of the conveyance, were exciting; and the exertion repelled the cold, which this day was intense. We were at the Head in good time; the people were in waiting, and we immediately commenced public worship. They are quite illiterate, and capable only of oral instruction; but so desirous of profiting by every opportunity, which comes in their way, that they frequently attend a minister from place to place, for three or four successive days. Not an individual in the place knows a letter, with the exception of one female. In this situation are five large families, growing up. The woman was my only resource, and she readily consented to teach a Sunday school, and read the prayers and a sermon. Any endeavour to worship God, however imperfect and humble, is infinitely better than none at all. As the men are unemployed in winter, I pressed upon them all the duty and advantages of applying themselves to learn to read; and they expressed a strong desire and determination to make the trial. Through your Lordship's bounty, I sent them an ample supply of books from Halifax. A crew volunteered to conduct us to Gerrard's Island, a very arduous task, as the course was much obstructed by ice.

30th.—Last night and this morning were chiefly occupied in raising and cheering the spirits of an unfortunate widow, who had sunk under the pressure of accumulated afflictions, into a state of insupportable despondency. A little after ten o'clock, I officiated at Pope's Harbour, where nearly seventy hearers were assembled. I exhorted them, in an address after sermon, "not to forsake the assembling of them-selves together," nor to neglect "bringing up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." These important objects had often been aimed at, but never permanently nor effectually attained from the want of a competent person to officiate. This deficiency was now happily supplied by a serious and fit person, who had recently settled in the vicinity; he cheerfully undertook to officiate in future as reader, and at the same time superintend a Sunday school; other teachers likewise offered their services, and the machinery of the school was forthwith organized. Both arrangements went into successful operation on the following Sunday; and I did not neglect to provide proper books. The advantages of Sunday schools cannot be too highly appreciated on these shores; where other schools cannot be upheld, and no other available means exist of instructing the rising generation, and pushing forward the march of knowledge and civilization.

It had long been the prayer of the inhabitants to have a place of worship, dedicated to God, among them; but the prospect of seeing it accomplished was, in all human probability, very remote: what they were unable to work out, by their own means, it has pleased Providence to effect, by raising up help to them, through the Society. The late benevolent grant of £500, will now enable them, with their own labour and contributions, to erect a respectable little church. For this most charitable and judicious application of the Society's Funds, I join with a grateful and exulting people in offering fervent thanks. Owing to the broken and insular form of the shore, and the eagerness of those residing at the extreme point to have the church placed as conveniently accessible to themselves, there was much perplexity in fixing upon a site at once eligible and satisfactory to all parties. A situation has at length been selected, the foundation is laid, and the materials for the frame

conveyed to the spot: so that in the course of next summer we may expect to see a house raised to God in this desert place; and many, very many, for the first time, to "enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise." I devoted two different Sundays to this settlement during the summer, when my congregation averaged two hundred, and my communicants thirty.

The prospect of a church, and of a settled minister, induced me to encourage the cultivation of sacred music, as an accompaniment to public worship. The people were charmed with the proposition, and immediately enrolled themselves among the pupils of a master whom I brought with me from Sheet Harbour, for the purpose; he will also teach at Shoal Bay and Ship Harbour, giving two evenings in turn to each: his usefulness will be retarded by the general want of education; but he must resort to the old method, however jarring to the harmony, of giving out the line. I visited and administered the sacrament to a sick person, in which fifteen other individuals participated.

We intended to spend the night at Shoal Bay, but I was occupied so long in various engagements, that darkness, accompanied by a snow-storm, overtook us, at Tangier, and we were glad to take shelter in a small hut; here we spent the evening among the neighbouring families, in expounding a chapter of Scripture, prayer and pious conversation. In all my intercourse with the inhabitants of these shores, where instruction is so much wanted; and so few opportunities occur of receiving it, I endeavour, through Grace, to turn, to keep up, and confine my discourse to religious subjects; "instant in season and out of season, to reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all long-suffering and doctrine." At all places and times, I have invariably found this course of proceeding not only essentially useful, but highly acceptable to the people.

31st.—Rising early, we reached Shoal Bay for breakfast; at ten o'clock the people had collected and worship commenced. Mrs. Borgalt, whose husband I lately strove to prepare for eternity, met me in mourning and tears. Mr. Glaucor on the contrary, who then appeared in equal danger, was quite restored, and gave thanks and praise to God for his great deliverance. I had to lament the loss of Henry Shelmutt, our lay reader, who, with his brother-in-law and whole property, perished recently in a storm, and left a destitute wife and family; an old man now acting as schoolmaster performs Divine Service. May these afflictions be sanctified and rendered salutary to the souls of the survivors! The inhabitants of this settlement are, without any exception, zealously attached to the English Church. They wished to erect a little chapel for themselves, but I recommended them rather to join with the church at Pope's Harbour.

In the afternoon, we set out for Ship Harbour, where I was anxious to be on New Year's-day; under the direction of a guide, we crossed this dreary waste of barmens, woods and lakes, without snow-shoes; and attained the end of our journey in about four hours, excessively wearied and exhausted.

To be concluded in our next number.

Australasia.—The missionaries of the Church Missionary Society among the natives in New South Wales are paying constant attention to the collecting of words, and analysing them, forming a vocabulary, and arranging matter for a grammar. Various portions of the Scriptures are in the process of translation.—*Biblical Rep.*

A self-registering Anemometer has been constructed in England, by means of which a constant registry is kept,—not only of the direction but also of the force and velocity of the wind. A self-registering rain gauge is also attached to it, which notes the quantity of rain, and the precise time at which it falls.

A religious Newspaper is printed in the Sandwich Islands, in the native language, which has 2000 subscribers, at one dollar a year, and more than 50,000 copies of the hymn book in that language have been called for by the natives, and furnished by the press. Seventeen years ago, the language had not even an alphabet.—*Western Christian Advocate.*

A private letter from London mentions that the Bishop of London's subscription list for the building of fifty new churches in the Metropolis, now amounts to upwards of £100,000 sterling.

YOUTH'S DEPARTMENT.

HYMN.

Teachers.

Children, now your voices raise,
Give to God your highest praise;
'Tis to him alone you owe,
Every blessing here below.

Children.

Lord to Thee our songs would rise,
Mounting upward to the skies;
Ever let our praises be,
Cleverfully ascribed to thee.

Teachers.

Jesus, from His starry throne,
Looks with eyes of mercy down;
And rejoices to survey,
Children who delight to pray.

Children.

Saviour, make thy presence known
While we worship at thy throne;
Kindly condescend to shed,
Blessings on each teacher's head.

Teachers and Children.

Gracious Father, bless us all,
While before thy feet we fall;
Till at length we sing thy love,
In the Courts of Light above.

E. Demer.

It is impossible to view the cheerfulness and happiness of animals and birds without pleasure. The latter, especially, appear to enjoy themselves during the fine weather in spring and summer with a degree of hilarity which might be almost envied. It is astonishing how much man might do to lessen the misery of those animals which are given to him either for food or use, or for adding to his pleasure, if he were so disposed. Instead of which he often exercises a degree of wanton tyranny and cruelty over them which cannot be too much deprecated, and for which, no doubt, he will be one day held accountable. Animals are so capable of showing gratitude and affection to those who have been kind to them, that I never see them subjected to ill treatment without feeling the utmost abhorrence of those who are inflicting it. I know many persons who, like myself, take a pleasure in seeing all the animals about them appear happy and contented.

Cows will show their pleasure at seeing those who have been kind to them, by moving their ears gently, and putting out their wet noses. My old horse rests his head on the gate with great complacency when he sees me coming, expecting to receive an apple or a piece of bread. I should be sorry to see even my poultry and pigs get out of my way with any symptoms of fear.—*Jesse's Gleanings.*

THE EARTH.

The Earth is situated in the solar system, between Venus and Mars. It is somewhat larger than Venus. It goes round the Sun in three hundred and sixty five days, five hours, and forty-nine minutes. It is attended by one moon.

There are many worlds in the solar system, larger than ours, and, perhaps, in other parts of the Universe there may be thousands and thousands of worlds more rich, more glorious, and more beautiful than our Earth; nevertheless our little world has perhaps received more glorious tokens of the divine love than any other amongst the countless numbers of those which present themselves to our sight on a clear evening; for it is on this Earth that God was manifested in the flesh, and it is written of it, that God so loved the world, that "whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

We have also a promise of a happy time to come when the whole Earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

RIDDLE.

I want to know that Ancient's name,
Who sought to kill a pious youth,
Yet in that act was free from blame,
And only followed sacred truth.

Answers in verse are requested.