

him, and it is his province to make the words which they shall speak, effectual to salvation. All this, he says, "he will be inquired of to do for us." Oh! if he shall breathe upon them and baptize them with the Holy Ghost, seal their ordination by his Spirit, and say in regard to each of them, "he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name among the Gentiles," it will be impossible to over-estimate the value and the grandeur of the results that will flow from the mission of these seven ordained agents. We see multitudes of souls won by them to Christ, peaceful death-beds and triumphant entrances into heaven, sparkling crowns and highest commendations in the judgment day, and far away in the depths of a blissful eternity, seven bright and happy bands clustered around those that were their teachers on earth, and uniting in the song that fills the celestial temple, "Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people and nation." Who does not wish to have a part in such scenes? This will be the portion of those in our church, who, from love to Christ and the souls of men, gladly help in carrying forward this great work.—*U. P. Record.*

#### OLD CALABAR.

By last mail we received communications from all the missionaries, dated 24th Sept. All our agents were in their usual health. Mr Goldie and family, and Dr Hewan, had been visited with fever, but were well again. We shall give a few details respecting each of the stations; and our readers will be specially gratified to see that the audiences on Sabbath are large, and four converts have been added to the church—two at Creek Town and two at Duke Town—and that the schools are remarkably well attended.

#### CREEK TOWN.

*Extracts from the Journal of the Rev H. M. Waddell.*

"*A Strange Custom*—January 5th, 1856.—This morning the remains of an infant were found in the bush, not far from our house, partly roasted with fire. Inquiring into the matter, we learned of the following horrid superstition:—The child had died naturally, as had several others born by the same mother previously. Believing that it was the same child, under a spell of bad luck, which

thus came forth and died time after time, she followed the custom in such cases, of burning the dead body. Some say, this is done to punish the bad child, which refuses to live; others say, it is to break the spell of witchcraft or other power of darkness, by which her children are doomed thus to die in infancy. This seems absurdly inhuman; but the afflicted heart always seeks some refuge, some ground of hope and confidence for the future; and the unenlightened mind objects not to the contrariety of the means proposed both to reason and true religion. If the next child lives, this custom gets the honour of having secured its life—if it die also, the same means will be used again, but with more careful observance to avoid any error which may have caused failure before.

*Attendance on Church*—Sabbath 18th May.—Though the church is usually well and regularly filled, yet, to-day, the attendance was crowded, and earlier than usual, both of chiefs and people.—Whatever the unusual cause of the unusual overflow, the general effect is beneficial. The observance of the Sabbath and attendance on the house of God, by both chiefs and people, is a public testimony to the truth before this and neighbouring countries, and, by God's blessing, will be productive of much good.—I believe I may safely say, that no compulsion is ever used by any party to bring people to church, and that it is but rarely any influence is used, beyond a decorous example, by any persons in authority, while on the part of some, even that is not afforded, to induce attendance. It is very pleasing to believe that our Sabbath-day congregation is a purely voluntary one. The people come freely, we may hope, because they find it good and pleasant to do so. In the present state of the mission, 'He that is not against us is on our part.'

"*Two Adopted Children Baptized*—Sabbath 22d June.—To-day Mrs W. and I presented our two adopted children, Jane and James, for baptism, and Mr Goldie baptized them. The solemn dedication of them to God by us in baptism, seemed to make a strong impression on many in the congregation. Having thus publicly owned them as members of our family, we must secure their freedom, though born of slave parents.

"Not having previously alluded to them, I must here mention something about them. Jane's mother died nearly