

every thing of a cheering nature we could ask for. Our congregations and schools are larger than ever; the work of conversion appears to be going on at our several stations, and numerous other doors of usefulness are continually opening, into which we cannot, with our present strength, enter. At Stewart Town the congregation has of late so much increased, that I have been necessitated to make alterations, so as to accommodate from 300 to 400 persons underneath, who can hear and most of them see the minister through an aperture caused by the removal of a part of the flooring, which can be put down at pleasure for those services when our numbers are not so large. This space was used for the first time last Sabbath, when brother Denby preached to about 1100 people at the chapel, and I addressed about 500 in the open air. In the afternoon about 500 members of the united churches, 40 of whom had been baptized in the early part of the day, partook of the Lord's Supper, and in the evening brother D. again preached. On the preceding day the children of the Clarkson school, in all about 350, were examined, and acquitted themselves, in their various exercises, in such a manner as to convince all present that they and their master, Mr. Dillon, must have laboured diligently during the six months which have elapsed from the commencement of the institution. Services in every respect similar to these had been held three weeks before at Rio Bueno, when 53 were admitted to the church by baptism. The examination of candidates for this ordinance has this time been unusually pleasing. Having asked the poor old woman what it was which made her so earnestly desire to go to heaven, she replied, "Spouse massa Christ is there, me oblige for want for follow him;" and on the question being afterwards put in a different way, she said, "He is not heaven for me home? Is it not my papa's?" Speaking of remaining sin, and of the temptations of the great adversary, she said that when they troubled her, she begged God to let her not have one word with Satan. She expressed her dependance on Christ in the following manner, "Me hab no broder, me hab no sister; all my stay and all my depend is 'pon my sweet Massa." Another, in speaking of her gratitude to God, said, "Me sit down and drink me water; den me praise God; him give it. Me go out and get wood me praise him, he give me strength, else me not able; me sit down with me pies (she has a numerous family); me praise him he send them." This poor woman had learnt the *spirit* if not the *letter* of the injunction, "In every thing give thanks." Another poor old African woman, speaking of her being brought here, said, "Me often tell God thank'ee for

bringing me to buckra country to hear about massa Jesus."

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 CHEROKEES.

LETTER FROM MR. JONES, DATED NEAR  
COLUMBUS, TENN., AUG. 27, 1838.

In the midst of much anxiety, and urgent haste, in the preparations for removal, it is matter for sincere and humble gratitude that the gospel is making advances altogether unprecedented in the history of the Cherokees. The pressure of their political troubles appears to be overruled to the spiritual advantage of the people. The sentiment of the poet is happily realized to them,—

"Behind a frowning providence  
He hides a smiling face."

I hope the Cherokees will have cause for rejoicing, through generations yet to come, for the paternal chastisements of which the present generation are the subjects.

We had, yesterday, such a display of the triumphs of grace as will doubtless fill many hearts of the people of God with holy joy. For several days, the brethren had been hearing the relations of candidates for the sacred ordinance of baptism, and a considerable number had been approved. Yesterday, at the conclusion of the forenoon services, the members of the church met again, and several more candidates were received; after which, Br. Bushyhead and myself baptised fifty-six hopeful believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, in the presence of an immense concourse of serious and attentive spectators. Twenty-four were males and thirty-one females—Cherokees of all ages, and one white woman.

We afterwards united the commemoration of the death of the Saviour; perhaps for the last time in this country. It was sunset when the exercises of the day were concluded, and no opportunity was afforded to invite inquirers to come forward for prayer, who were anxious to be so privileged. In fact, the work of at least three days, was, from necessity, crowded into one. But I trust eternity will afford ample opportunity to contemplate, in all its bearings, the glorious work of grace carried on among the Cherokees in this time of their affliction.

I have also to record, to the honour of divine grace, the happy death of a faithful brother in the Lord. His name was Astooeestee. He had, for several years, been an humble and consistent follower of the Lord Jesus. He was a very useful member of the church, and an acceptable preacher in his own vicinity, viz. Dseyohee. He enjoyed, during a short and severe illness, a hope full of