

Church Missionary Society now stand on this very spot. Amidst this wilderness of Satan a garden of our God is being planted; peace now reigns there, and the bread of life is freely offered to the hungry traveller. At Nagpur I stayed nine days, and preached to the people, and distributed tracts among them. They listened very eagerly to the Word of God. I never met with such people at any other place. They confessed Christianity to be the true religion, and that their own religion was altogether false. — *St. Enock's and Stockwell S. S. Report.*

Missionary News.

SABBATH MARKETS ABOLISHED IN GREEK TOWN.

We rejoice to mark how the preaching of the truth, by the United Presbyterian missionaries is gradually breaking down the heathen customs of Old Calabar. Mr. Waddell thus writes:—

"While they conferred, we prayed, and God overruled. A solemn procession was made, with egbo drums, round the three towns forming this town, and at each of the three palaver houses, and the law proclaimed that no more market would be held on God's day in this town for ever. To God be the glory!"

FEARFUL HURRICANE IN SAMOA, SOUTH SEAS.

April 1850.—Since the gale, all have been busy in drying their property, erecting small houses for their temporary abode, or taking to pieces their fallen houses, in preparation for rebuilding.

The whole of the roof of Mr. Harbutt's house was taken off by the wind. Out of more than thirty chapels, including those of the Wesleyans, which were standing in the two districts before the gale, only one remains, and that is much shaken. Nearly all the larger kinds of houses are down, so that in almost every village we are, for the present, without any place to assemble in. As far as I can learn, no life has been lost in my district or in that of Mr. Harbutt. — *Missionary Chronicle.*

THE NEW TESTAMENT IN SAMOAN.

We have the pleasure to announce that the completed edition, consisting of 15,000 copies, which was shipped for the islands in August of 1849, arrived safely in Samoa, and now is in the course of distribution throughout the different Islands of the group. — *Missionary Chronicle.*

A SCHOOL IN HAYTI.

In this department of labor the efforts of the teachers have been crowned with the most cheering and unobscured success. Two of the dear children who died, one this year and the other last, have been, we trust, united to the fellowship of the redeemed above. Two others have been received to the communion of the church here. Two others again are waiting

to make a public profession of the name of Jesus. And lastly, of five others we have reason to hope that the work of grace has been begun in their hearts. — *Missionary Herald.*

The Missionary Printer.

Where there is not the Bible there is no right knowledge of God, or of the way of salvation. The Bible

Is like the sun—a heavenly light,

That guides us all the day;

And, through the dangers of the night,

A lamp to lead our way.

This heavenly light has never yet pierced the gloom of many lands. As the heathen cannot become truly wise and holy without the Bible, it is one great object of missions to give it to them. But there are many things to be done before they possess it. Hard and strange languages must be learned and well studied; or, it may be, the people have no written language; they speak words but do not know how to write them. There has never been a book printed for their use, nor do the poor ignorant people know how to shape a single letter or what even are the uses of letters. They have never seen a page of print. If this be the case, then the missionary has to make, or form a language. First, he has to catch the sound of a word as spoken by one native; then, as it is spoken by another, and by a third, and by many more. He writes the word down on paper as he hears one and another pronounce it, and then compares them, that he may get it quite perfect. So he goes on with another word until he properly understands how to pronounce that also. Then with a third, and so on. This is rather slow work, but he must be patient and not give it up. As there is no grammar, he must next make one. He carefully listens to the way the natives speak when using the past tense, or the present tense, or the future tense; he notices whether they use genders, as "he" or "she;" and numbers, as "plural" and "singular;" and other matters connected with the "parts of speech." This done, he has next to teach the natives the use of letters, and how to put them together into words and sentences. As he goes on in this work, he finds that the language is very limited; for poor savages, who live only to eat and drink, and fight and sin, use few words compared with the words we use. New words must, therefore, be made to express new objects. These labors make it very difficult for the missionary at first; but he loves Christ,