

heathenism. The following Sunday was the great day of preparation. Several tons of *taro* were brought for the Sunday's consumption. Bales of native calico were distributed amongst those who wished to clothe themselves.

"On Sunday, April 30th, the two great drums of Feejee—known to the natives by the name of 'the publisher of war,' which had never been used but to congregate warriors and cannibals—were beaten to assemble those who wished to enrol themselves under the Prince of Peace. The King, with about three hundred chiefs and attendants, then entered a large dwelling (120 feet by 30,) and arranged themselves for the service.

"The priests of his household gods, and all his wives—about fifty—followed him. The Rev. James Calvert, of the adjoining Circuit, kindly complied with our invitation, and conducted the morning service. The change in the people, with clean faces and well clothed, was very striking.

"The following Sabbath three hundred more embraced Christianity.

"On the 8th of May the temples began to be spoiled of their ornaments. One of their deities, the god of rain and fair weather, was brought in triumph to me. The heathens from the large land predicted my death.

"May 9th.—An attack was made upon a sacred forest in our vicinity. The carpenters were conveyed by water to the spot. Solemnly bowing before the great Creator, one of the Teachers prayed aloud, and besought him to prevent any evil from coming to them while they attacked 'Satan's forest.' They then felled some of the monster iron-wood trees, which have been considered sacred for ages. Some of the poor carpenters trembled very much lest an evil spirit should kill them. They are taught by tradition that their forefathers felled some of these trees on one occasion, and then retired to rest for the night. The next day, on repairing to the spot in order to square the logs, they were surprised to find that the trees were again in their proper position, and still growing.

"Messengers were now sent to several islands, directing the inhabitants to renounce idolatry. Every sabbath brought an addition to our numbers at Bau.

"Evening and morning some four or five of us regularly conduct family prayer in the various dwellings, going 'from house to house.' 'The spirit of grace and of supplications' seems to be poured upon some houses. Frequently, during public worship, do we behold the heaving breast and the starting tear. But we desire to have a copious pentecostal shower: then shall sinners be converted to our God.