

had taken place throughout a great part of the island, and which the Queen herself had zealously aided by her addresses to the people. A chief, called Aitoo, gives an account of one of her allocutions as follows :—

“ District of Paoa, 29th April, 1872.

“ To Messrs. Green and Vernier, servants of the Most High God.

“ I salute you and your families in the Lord Jesus. I wish to inform you of the circumstances that have occurred with us at Paça. On Sunday, 28th inst., at eight o'clock in the evening, the church of this district, the brethren and sisters of Papéété and the members of the royal family, met in the house of prayer to meditate on the Word of God. At ten o'clock, her Majesty Queen Pomaré IV. stood up and began to proclaim the Divine oracles. The following are the texts she dwelt on in her discourse : ‘ I was glad when they said unto me: Let us go up to the house of the Lord;’ ‘ Pray without ceasing;’ ‘ Continue in the faith grounded and settled;’ ‘ What, then? Shall we sin, because we are not under the law but under grace? God forbid.’

“ O servants of God! our hearts are filled with satisfaction, with joy and happiness, because our Queen, who formerly never exhorted us from the Divine Word, now gives us this commandment—‘ Continue grounded and settled in the faith.’

“ Such is our news. The Church is powerfully encouraged and quickened.”

On another occasion the Queen entertained a number of pastors and deacons, who had assembled for conference at Papéété. Pomaré would not sit down, but presided herself over the serving at the table. At the conclusion, she said, with a voice full of emotion,—“ I have no greater joy than to behold my children walking in truth.”

It is not long since the sovereigns of Tahiti treated their subjects as vile slaves. What a social reformer is the Gospel!

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MEETING OF ENGLISH PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.—The English Presbyterian Synod held its Annual Meeting at Newcastle. The reports on Home Mission work and on Foreign Missions were satisfactory and encouraging. It appears that so far as Home Mission work is concerned, no denomination is making such rapid progress as the Presbyterian Church; their Churches having been trebled in number in the course of twenty-one years. The Sustentation Fund scheme appears to be favorably inaugurated. The Union Question occupied much of the attention of the Synod. The report on Union was given in by Rev. Dr. Anderson of Morpeth. It anticipated the consummation of the Union in 1874. After a discussion, the adoption of a motion in favor of Union was carried by a vote of 157 to 6.

While we write the General Assemblies in Scotland, as also in the United States, are in Session. We wait with anxiety to hear of the issue of the Union Question in Scotland.

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