

natives appear to have become ashamed of many of those deeds which they once performed in the most unblushing manner. It is no mean proof of the change which is taking place generally amongst the New Zealanders, that they are now frequently seen offering their muskets in barter for articles of clothing and instruments of husbandry. A thirst for knowledge is rapidly increasing, and mission schools are in successful operation: and it is a peculiarly gratifying circumstance, that after many years of labour, a Christian Society has at length been formed. A few of the natives have given proof that the Gospel has proved the power of God to their salvation, and now meet regularly in class.

The missions in the *Friendly Islands* have been attended with extraordinary results. At the commencement of those missions a few years ago, the prospect was not at all inviting. The people inhabiting those Islands were savage as well as uncultivated; they were without God, and appeared to have no desire for a knowledge of his ways. The only attempt which had been made to evangelize them had failed. Some of that band of Missionaries which had visited them from the Independent Society, became the victims of the violent passions of the natives, and the rest were obliged to depart. The Missionaries of our Society, who went to Tonga, went in the spirit of martyrdom, ready, if necessary, to lay down their lives for the furtherance of the Gospel. God was with them: in the minds of a considerable part of the population of that and some of the neighbouring Islands, ancient prejudices appeared suddenly to give way; inattentive levity was succeeded by a spirit of earnest inquiry and willingness to learn; and the cordial reception of the Gospel when proclaimed, has afforded evidence that the Spirit of God had prepared the hearts of many for the truth. The passion for learning to read; the quickly formed habits of prayer; the constant attendance at the house of God, and the extraordinary improvement in the character of the people;—all tend to prove, both to residents and visitors, the genuineness of the wonderful change which God has wrought.

At the *Habai Islands*, the King has followed the example of the King of Tonga, and has begun to meet in class; the numbers in society were doubled in the course of a few months; not a Sabbath passed for a long time without new accessions to the Church of God; ten, twenty or forty are mentioned as turning to God at once; and on one day, hundreds were added to those who acknowledge and worship Jehovah. Well may the Missionary say, "It is truly a pleasing sight

to see the people young and old all renouncing the name of Jesus, and their idols are broken down.

From the character.

King of Vavau, who formerly worshipped the idols of business, he is now a worshipper of God, he has put away his idols and cheerfully obeys the religious worship of the Christian religion. Paganism has been triumphantly overcome when the worship of Jesus, be blessed, have 12 Stations in society, making a total.

In South Africa, the Missionaries, Artisans, and whose cruel horror and attention to the arts, these wandering intendants of the parts of the gratitude of of pleasure of their land Six hundred South Africa darkest for