

of his determination, to act differently for the future. He was ready to embrace Christianity, and to aid in every way in his power the teachers left on the island. Past experience had taught us that a good deal of dependence might be placed on a formal engagement entered into in such circumstances, even with a savage. The chief, his father-in-law, whose name was Pomare, and many of the people, were also desirous to have teachers, so that the way seemed clear to commence operations. This we did at two points—namely Pango, a place near where we are at anchor, and Erakor, the place where Sualo and his friends lived.—We placed the four teachers Mose, Lipi, Taavili, and Letefano, whom we had designed for Erromanga, two and two at these places. The teachers were all Samoans; the chiefs and people gave them an encouraging reception, and we left the island much pleased with the result of our visit and thankful to him who had so far prospered our way."

An account of what followed, we must reserve for our next No.

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

What do we mean by the expression?—Literally it signifies doing good in an orderly, methodical, regular manner. In current christian literature it is used to signify *faithful stewardship of the manifold gifts and graces bestowed by Jesus Christ on His people.*

Is there any subject that more imperatively demands the earnest, conscientious, and prayerful consideration of christian men and christian churches? We think not. For it resolves itself ultimately into the unspcakably momentous and vital question, Shall we willingly, cheerfully, and actively glorify God with all the powers, gifts, graces and means which He has put at our disposal, and thus voluntarily answer the great end of our being; or neglecting this, shall we constrain God our Saviour to glorify Himself by cutting us off as unfruitful branches, to be forever consigned to the gathering place of all the moral refuse of the Universe!

In order to escape such a terrible doom we must come to God with true penitence, re-

ceiving Jesus Christ by faith, giving Him the love of our heart, the trust of our soul, the submission of our will.

But when we have truly done all this, there will immediately follow the outward action that naturally corresponds with such an inward change. We shall offer unto God sacrifices of righteousness. We shall present our bodies living sacrifices, holy, acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service.

And when we have thus devoted ourselves to God in Christ, our natural and incessant cry will be—"Lord what wilt thou have me to do?" "To do thy will I take delight." "Teach me the way that I should go."

The reply of the Master is the same to all, in every age and country:—"FOLLOW ME." Do the will of God as I have done it. Seek not your own pleasure or glory, but the glory of God as I have sought it. Exercise self-denial and live and labour and suffer for the temporal good and eternal salvation of your fellow men after my example. As the Father hath sent me into the world, go ye into the world and preach the Gospel unto every creature.

Every man into whose possession the Gospel has come is under obligation to Christ to propagate that Gospel to the utmost of his ability. The Christian, though free from the Law as a covenant of life, is still *under law to Christ*; and one of the fundamental laws of Christ's kingdom is that every believer must bring forth fruit to the glory of God.—"I am the true Vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away; and every branch that beareth fruit, He purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. . . . "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit." What fruit? Christ-like fruit; fruit worthy of the goodly Vine into which we have been grafted. "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith." Yes; look at the very first particular in this list.—*Love.* Love to God,—therefore I will seek his glory; love to Christ—therefore I will devote my best energies to promote His cause—to advance His kingdom—to secure His final triumph over the kingdom of darkness and of evil in the