

'what you tell me.' Then the teacher replied, 'If, confessing yourself sinful and wretched, you only enter Christ, the boat of mercy, all your sins will be taken far away from you, and you will be saved from hell, the punishment due to sin.' This teaching he accepted, and the bonds of the world—i. e., the sacred cord and *mala*—he at once cast aside, and put on the Lord Christ, and now for three months he has continued steadfast in the Lord; he increases in faith and from day to day in piety also. He was baptized on the 19th April, 1874, and he has shown himself to be such that, without the least doubt, we are able to speak of him with perfect confidence."

JEWISH MISSION.—Mr. Wright reports the opening of a new station and another school in a village half way between Damascus and Palmyra. He gives a graphic description of Arab life—its dangers, robberies and cruelties, which should excite the interest of Christians, and move them to seek the speedy advent of the day when the gospel will arrest, subdue, and bless even the wandering children of the desert.

MISSIONARY WORK IN ANEITYUM.

LETTER FROM REV. J. INGLIS.

Aneityum, New Hebrides, February 7, 1874.

I am thankful to say that we are both well. My wife is standing this summer better than she did the previous one. The other mission family on this island are also well. We are holding on the even tenor of our way. Since I wrote you I have finished the examination of all my schools, twenty-eight in number, comprising the entire population of 750 persons as scholars, infants excepted. I spent a Sabbath at each of my three out-stations, and afterwards dispensed the communion here at the central station. The weather was fine, and there was a very good attendance. The number of communicants on the roll is 330, besides five who are under suspension.

In a former letter I mentioned that this last year I had discontinued giving a present of clothing to the teachers. I wished the natives to make a collection for them; but the teachers came to me and said that they would prefer having plantations of taro, etc. made for them, the produce of which they could sell, and buy clothing with the price they might receive for it. To this I assented; but the plantations were coming slowly into existence; and hence, at the time of the communion, when most of the natives are here, I brought the matter again fully before them, and eight days thereafter it was arranged that a deputation, consisting of the principal chiefs and other influential men, should visit every district and talk to the people on this subject. This was done. The deputation commenced on Monday at the one end of the district, and finished off their labours on Friday at the other. They were very well received, and the scheme for raising a sustentation fund for the teachers has been favourably inaugurated. I did not accompany the deputation; I left it all to themselves. My object in all such matters is to instruct them in the principles, and leave them to work them out themselves. To do for them what they themselves cannot do, and then leave them to do the rest as they best may.

We have had three moderately severe hurricanes this year, and one very heavy thunderstorm. The first hurricane especially did considerable damage; it blew down cocoa-nut trees, injured the bread-fruit crop, and destroyed bananas and other kinds of food; but in comparison of last year's one, the damage is not worth mentioning. The first was the earliest in the