

Some years before, while in a state of Heathenism, four men had done something for which they were to die. The people assembled; there sat the King, and at a little distance were the culprits. The sword was ready, and the executioner was prepared to strike the fatal blow. All waited for a word, or a nod, from His Majesty. He delayed, —when the men availed themselves of a Tonga custom, by rushing from their places, and fleeing to the King; they touched his sacred person, took refuge in him, and were saved. Well did the customs of this people prepare them for understanding such passages of Holy Writ as the following: "Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies; I flee unto Thee to hide me," and "*Thou art my refuge.*"

King George manifested in various ways, that he only required his duty to be pointed out to him, and he was ready to make the sacrifice necessary for its accomplishment. This is illustrated by the following anecdote.

Mr. Tucker had received letters from home, when his heart was gladdened by hearing of the sum which England had promised to give for the liberation of slaves in her West-Indian colonies. He sought and found the King, when he informed him of the glad tidings. "What," said the King, "is slavery a bad thing?" The Missionary told him his opinion, that it was not doing to others as we would that they should do to us. His Majesty answered, "Do you know many of the Chiefs have slaves, and my servants are slaves? But they shall be free." The Missionary was surprised; he did not know they were slaves, as they appeared as free as other servants.

At the time of evening twilight Mr. Tucker was in his house, when he heard a cry of distress; he listened; it appeared to proceed from the residence of the King. Upon enquiry, he found

that the King had assembled his servants, spoken to them of what the Gospel had done for them, reminded them that they were his slaves, and then granted them their freedom: upon this they cried aloud, and said they could not leave him. But liberty is sweet. And they, knowing his will, gradually began to disperse, and, eventually, settled among their friends.

The Chiefs who held slaves followed the example of the King, so that, in a short time, slavery was banished from his dominions.

(To be continued.)

AN AFFECTING STORY.

The following affecting story was related by Mr. Dudley, an agent of the British and Foreign Bible Society, at the anniversary of the Birmingham Sunday School Union:

In the county of Kent lives or lived a clergyman and his lady, who took a very active part in the Sunday school connected with his church. They had in the school a boy, the only son of a widow, who was notoriously wicked, despising all the earnest prayers and admonitions of the clergyman, who, out of pity for his poor widowed mother, kept him in the school eighteen months; at length he found it absolutely necessary to dismiss the lad as a warning to others. He soon after enlisted as a soldier in a regiment that was soon ordered to America—it being during the last American war. Some time after, the poor widow called upon the clergyman to beg a Bible of the smallest size. Surprised at such a request from an individual who was on the verge of eternity, and who he knew had one or two Bibles of large print, which she had long used to good purpose, he inquired what she wanted it for. She answered, "A regiment is going out to