

ren field. His reception by the people is thus described :—

“ As soon as we arrived we went ashore and shortly afterwards we were visited by several Eromangan youths, who had been at Samoa. They were clothed, and looked very respectable. They were delighted to see us. On Monday we again went ashore accompanied by the ladies and children. We trode with very peculiar feelings, the spot where Williams and Harris fell martyrs to their own devotedness; and our feelings may be more easily imagined than described when we shook hands with Kaiuui, the murderer of Williams. \* \* \*

“ On the 17th June, Mr and Mrs Gordon, with the two Rarotongan Teachers and their wives, parted with their friends on board the ‘John Williams,’ and took up their abode in Eromanga. We accepted Mrs Gordon’s kind invitation to take tea with her that evening in her new and humble home. We afterwards had a prayer meeting, and, having commended our esteemed friends to the care of Him who neither slumbereth nor sleepeth, we parted with them, and proceeded to the vessel. We shall not soon forget the happy look of the Chief Mana, when it was remarked to him at parting, that he had now got his Missionary. ‘I have,’ he replied, whilst his black eye beamed with ineffable delight.”

In the progress of this voyage, the “John Williams” visited several other Islands in which the labours of the Native Evangelists had produced the happiest results, in the conversion of multitudes from idolatry and barbarism, to the worship and service of the only true God. In all these the new converts are waiting with anxious hopes for a European Missionary to teach them the way of life more perfectly; and, effective and valuable as the preparatory labours of the Native Teachers are, the counsels and influence of a Missionary, in the establishment of Churches, the translation of the Scriptures and the advancement of Education, are indispensable.

Under the force of this necessity, the Directors have resolved to send forth a reinforcement to our brethren in Polynesia; and in this measure they feel assured of the cordial approval of their Friends. The Society’s Agents were the first messengers of mercy to these distant and degraded tribes, and the moral miracles wrought through their agency, by the mighty power of God, have been re-

ported to millions who are now longing for the hour when the dayspring from on high shall visit their dark lands. Native Evangelists, well prepared for their work, are ready to leave their country and kindred, and to hazard their lives for the sake of the Lord Jesus. The children of England have provided a messenger of peace to bear the heralds of salvation to these perishing myriads, and the Directors would feel unfaithful to their trust if they neglected to employ all practicable means for sustaining and strengthening existing Missions, and for extending the triumphs of redeeming mercy throughout the Islands of the vast Pacific.

In the WEST INDIES the missions of the society both in BRITISH GUIANA and JAMAICA have throughout the year afforded occasion of much thankfulness. In British Guiana the severe visitation of cholera had had much effect in making the people give more attention to the truths of the gospel. The West India mission churches generally had made great advances in the principle of self-support. Their aggregate contributions towards their own support had amounted to £7540, which was £1500 more than in the previous year.

In SOUTH AFRICA, at CAPE COLONY, the churches had within the year received numerous additions, and great efforts had been made to extend the blessings of Christianity to the *Fingoes* and other tribes of the interior. The reports from the numerous stations of the ORANGE RIVER, composed of *Griquas* and *Bechuanas* afforded general evidence of progress. At *Lekatleng* especially, extensive religious awakenings among the natives had taken place. At the KURUMAN, Mr Moffat had completed his translation of the Bible into the *Sichuana* language, which, with certain modifications, is the language of the whole interior of South Africa. By it Dr Livingstone had held intelligent communication with the tribes among whom he travelled both to the east and west coast. Mr Ashton, who had afforded material assistance to Mr Moffat, had recently prepared a monthly religious periodical, *The Instructor and News-Teller of the Bechuanas*. This step had awakened much interest, and many native subscribers had been obtained. Mr Moffat had just returned from his tour to the MATABELE, and reported that he had found the king, *Moselekatse*, most willing to receive the