

over to the side of the Catholics; all since the famous visit of the French ship of war *L'Artemise*.

The reasons given for joining the Catholics, so far as I have been able to learn them, are the following; and these I have heard given repeatedly.

1. We call upon the people for contributions for this and that object, and urge upon them the duty of supporting their own institutions, both religious and literary. But the Catholics give them presents, especially to their children at baptism.

2. Our religious exercises are long, but the Catholics' are quite short; and they have no sermon at all.

3. We are opposed to rum and tobacco, and do not allow the use of them in our churches, but the Catholics do not disapprove of either, if used moderately, and not of tobacco, be it used as it may.

4. We disapprove of all illicit intercourse between the sexes, but they do not. Such was the assertion of at least six natives the other day, when tried for a breach of the seventh commandment. In their tract, however, adultery is fully spoken against, and possibly in their oral instruction.

5. We will not receive all that come, desiring to join the church. The Catholics are ready to receive any who go to join them."

Writing again on the 16th of March, 1840, Mr. Emerson gives the following summary view of the state of the mission and of the people at that time. The date of this letter, it will be remembered, is about eight months subsequent to the visit of the French frigate *L'Artemise*. The sad effects of the course pursued by her commander, in compelling the people to receive papal priests and intoxicating liquors, and in breaking down the authority of the chiefs, had become in some degree developed.

"As to the state of things among us, I suppose that each island would make a different report. A letter received from Hawaii to-day states thus:—'At Waimea much apostasy, yet the good work goes on slowly. At Kohala a great waking up. At Hilo a protracted meeting recently, and glorious results. At Kaawaloa the work advances slowly and some hundreds added to the church. At Kailua a glorious revival, and hundreds received to the church.'

On Mani, I learn nothing of late of special interest. Doubtless our churches are about to be tried in a manner that they never have been before; but it is needed, and it will all work for the advancement of the cause in the end.

On Kauai there is nothing special. A protracted meeting is now in progress at

Lihua, a new station lately taken by Dr. Latham; nothing of special interest on the island.

On Oahu the work of the Lord is going on in the midst of much to oppose and try us. Some are gathered into our churches at almost every communion, and we find frequent occasion for discipline. The work of the Lord with us seems rather a purifying and refining process, and not a renovating one at the present time. The former process, though always a painful one, is as necessary as the latter, in the course that Infinite Wisdom seems uniformly to mark out in preparing souls for the kingdom of glory. There is now a medley of influences at work under the banner of the prince of darkness to oppose our Lord and his cause, and to deceive, if it were possible, the very elect. Idolatry now seems not at all ashamed to lift up her head; yes her many heads. On one part of Oahu we hear of a man calling himself the Messiah, and some are following after him. Some are working miracles of healing to prove themselves and their works from God; others are casting out devils by incantations, charms, etc.; and many profess to be afflicted with evil spirits. The old heathen arts and heathen songs, mythology, etc. etc., all seem now to be coming up again; and it is marvellous to see how wonderfully these all work in with what is called popery, and form a medley that is very congenial to the ignorant, superstitious, and in many instances, the licentious portion of the people. One of our people who lives in the interior of the island was invited a few weeks since into a meeting of some who called themselves Catholics. After the meeting was through, he said to another, 'This kind of worship is just such as we practised in the days of Tamehameha.'

That hypocrites will fall away is to be expected; that some faint-hearted ones will fail of coming up to the help of the Lord will not be strange. The battle may be fierce and long, but that the saints will conquer the Lord has assured us, and in that assurance we may rejoice. Once this people were not disposed to question the truths of the Bible as presented to them. Now we see here and there an idea from the universalist stock, the infidel, etc., that has been planted and sprung up in some mind. But all is well: truth will triumph eventually, and appear the more glorious because of opposition and because of error. The Lord will bring it about in the best way. In him is our hope and our joy. Pray for us; request the churches to pray for us in a special manner at this time."—*Missionary Herald*.