

government with a settled constitution, a legislature, and courts of justice.

Are no deductions to be made? Yes. The converts are not all just men made perfect. They do not rank as high as do the people of the United States. It would not be reasonable to expect that people removed only one generation from barbarism would show the stability, the culture, the moral excellence of those who have had the gospel for a thousand years. It would be fairer to compare them with the churches in the Apostolic age. Here as there the tares grew among the wheat. In Corinth a crime was committed that was unknown among the heathen. Yet this very church was enriched in all utterance and knowledge so that it came behind in no gift. In Hawaii there came those who were living epistles known and read of all men. They were the joy and crown of the workers. If some were babes when they ought to be full grown men, and if some apostatized, we need not marvel. Such things happened before and will again. Besides, it should be borne in mind that these people have been exposed to peculiar temptations. During the whaling season the foreign population equals one half the population of Honolulu. Their influences are not good. Before the gospel came women swam out to the ships. When the missionaries interfered, they imperilled their own lives. The house of Mr. Richards was twice assailed by men from English and American ships. They threatened to destroy the property and to take the lives of the missionaries if the laws interfering with their lustful indulgence were not abrogated. Had it not been for the natives they would have executed their threats. The population of the islands is declining. Before the missionaries came, war, infanticide and licentiousness cut down the people as the reaper cuts down grass. Since then, drink, measles, small-pox, leprosy, and vile diseases introduced by seamen, have increased the mortality. The use of clothing has had its disadvantages. The natives dressed heavily, and then undressed and sat in the draft and took cold. Cold developed into rheumatism and consumption. When they drank they drank to excess. A savage people know nothing about moderation. At one time the king and the people formed a great temperance society; what was drunk on the island was, for the most part, by foreigners. There is cause for sadness in the thought that the Hawaiian people are dying out. But the work done among them was not in vain. Thousands were born into the kingdom. A whole race

was uplifted and ennobled. The missionaries established free schools in every district. They gave the people literature in their own tongue. Children were taught to read, write, sing by note; they were taught arithmetic, grammar and geography. They were given the open Bible, the Magna Charta of all our liberties, the source of all our blessings. If the nation should cease to exist, the work done has been worth many times what it cost. From first to last, about a million dollars was spent on this mission. That would not pay for one-fourth of an iron-clad. It would not defray its current expenses for a year. It is a paltry sum when eternal issues are at stake. The Indians near Boston and near Philadelphia perished; but the labors of John Eliot and David Brainerd were not in vain. The churches that Paul planted on his missionary tours have disappeared, but he did not live and die to no purpose. God has been honored and obeyed. The power of the gospel was demonstrated when demonstration was needed. A good work was done. One competent witness said: "The deeper I pushed my enquiries, the stronger became my conviction that what had been on your part necessarily an experimental work in modern missions had, under God, proved an eminent success. Every sunrise brought me new reasons for admiring the power of divine grace, which can lift the poor out of the dust and set him among princes." He found the Bible in almost every hut; prayer a popular habit; and the Lord's day more strictly observed than in New York. Richard Henry Dana states that in no place in the world were the rules which control vice and regulate amusement so strict. It is so reasonably and fairly enforced. He found no hut without its Bible and hymn book in the native tongue; and the practice of family prayer and grace before meat, though it be no more than a calabash of poi and a few dried fish, and whether at home or on a journey, as common as in New England a century ago. Dr. A. P. Peabody said: "Fifty years ago the half-reasoning elephant or the tractable and troth-keeping dog might have seemed the peer or more of the unreasoning and conscienceless Hawaiian. From that very race, from that very generation with which the nobler brutes might have scorned to claim kindred, have been developed the peers of saints and angels." This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

**September a Good Month.**

Comparing the receipts for September with the corresponding month,

1894, we have the following for Foreign Missions:

	1894	1895	Gain
Number of contributing churches..	51	53	2
Number of contributing S. Schools..	44	66	22
Number of contributing Endeavor societies.....	10	26	16
Individual offerings	100	62	loss 38
Amount, 1894, \$3,253.90; 1895, \$4,540.97; gain, \$1,287.07.			

Our books closed October 1st. We have made a gain every month since March, except August. We now enter upon a new year. Our expenses are greater than at any time in the past. Let everyone interested in this cause, and every church, and Sunday-school and Endeavor Society bear this in mind, and keep a steady stream flowing into the treasury.

Preston said: "What is the outlook? It is good. There is light ahead; there is help in God; there is wealth in Jesus; there is power in prayer." You had better found a mission than an empire.

"Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then said I, 'Here am I; send me.'"

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