

people should. Thirty years ago they were all naked, and had no conception of the use of clothing. One hundred meeting houses have been built, at a cost of \$150,000. That at Honolulu is the most attractive building of the capital,—a substantial stone edifice that will stand for ages, and will seat 3000 persons. On the day of his departure 2500 were assembled in this church. He could discover in the appearance and deportment of that congregation as little trace of their recent barbarism, as in the audience then before him. The churches generally have bells, the natives being very fond of them. About 53,000 persons have been received into church fellowship. As to the character of the members, in reference to which he made very careful inquiry and observation, he declared his conviction that in the sight of God, they would not compare unfavourably with the church members of the Congregational and Presbyterian communions in the United States, the difference being more circumstantial than real. The besetting sin of the Sandwich Islander is licentiousness, from which thousands have been washed and sanctified by the blood of Christ, and the grace of the Holy Ghost. He shook hands with more than twelve thousand of these converted heathens, exchanging their significant salutation, "*Aloha*"—"Love to you," and he thought he saw the grace of God in their countenances. Considering that they are not a stable people, their steadfast adherence to Christ is a deeply interesting fact.

One object of his visit was to arrange with the missionaries and native pastors, a plan of *self-government*. This has been effected, and the general features of the new administration are the following. The native pastors and other church officers will be associated with the American missionaries, as a Mission Board, to work their own field, and the Micronesian Mission, which latter originated with them. Henceforth the A. B. C. F. M. will make such annual grant, to aid them in this work, as may seem needful, leaving its appropriation entirely to the discretion of the "Hawaiian Evangelical Association," and only asking a report in detail of the expenditures and operations of their society at the year's end. This interesting feature arises out of the enterprising and independent spirit of the native pastors and churches, which the parent society heartily approves and fosters.

Several gentlemen addressed the Board who had been, or still were associated with the Sandwich Islands, as the Rev. Hiram Bingham, one of the two pioneer missionaries sent out to this group 44 years ago; Captain Samuel Stewart, who conveyed a reinforcement of missionaries 40 years ago, and remained for three years on these islands, as their fellow helper. Those three years he has ever regarded as the most blessed of his life. He gave a thrillingly interesting description of his first visit, when after a five months' voyage, his vessel hove in sight of these barbarous shores. The missionaries hailed them with holy joy, singing:

"O'er yon gloomy hills of darkness
Look my soul—be still—and gaze," &c.

As the naked savages surrounded the ship in their canoes, yelling and jabbering with the wildest gesticulations, the sailors, who had become quite attached to the missionaries, and discovered no traces of human feelings in the natives, exclaimed:—"you won't trust yourselves to be left among these savage brutes!" But when the natives came on deck, and found that the promised missionaries had arrived, their joy was so unmistakeable, as they shouted "*Mikko: ary*"—"Mikkonary!"—that the sturdy seamen were