

before long, and, if it is not to Norfolk Island, I am sure I do not know where. As respects myself, I am ready to go or willing to stay, if the emigration should not be total, just as our friends in England may decide. 'Tis but a few more years, according to the course of nature, that I can expect to dwell in the flesh; may I be as ready and as willing to depart, when death summons me!—*Juvenile Record*.

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### A HELPFUL KING.

THE king of Tonga visited Australia a few months ago; and he was deeply impressed by the efforts which Christians were making for the good of their fellow-men. He returned fully persuaded that it was the duty of the Church in Tonga to do much more than they had ever done. Hearing that missionary meetings were about to be held at Vavau, he sent over a message from Hawaii, urging the chiefs and people to exert themselves, and setting them an example by contributing twenty gallons of oil. This was seconded by his son, David, who resides at Vavau; and many of the chiefs and teachers gave four gallons; so that the people raised about three tuns altogether from that circuit. The king also expressed his wish that every man in the Island should contribute four gallons a-year towards the support of the mission. This has been partially acted upon; "so that," says one of the missionaries, "together with the voluntary contributions and the oil for books, we shall forward this year to the colonies about forty tuns of oil, which, at the same rate at which the last was sold, will realize about £1200." Many such kings and chiefs will God raise up in His own good time. Let us take courage, then, "always abounding in the work of the Lord."—*Ibid*.

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### WHAT MAY WE EXPECT!

WE believe that the world is to be Christianized, first of all, because we have a sure "word of promise." There is another argument, however, which is gaining strength every year. The *past success* of missions shows us what we may expect hereafter if we are careful to conform to the Divine will. This matter was clearly stated by Bishop Selwyn, not long since, in the pulpit of the University of Cambridge. "When I remember," he says, "that it is only forty years since the first missionary landed in New Zealand, and that for the first ten years the work was carried on by catechists, and yet that *the whole nations*, so far