

VIEWS IN HAWAII.

Robinson shows what the founders deemed some of those principles to be:

"As the missionaries enter the Moslem states under the necessity of violating the law of Islam, which forbids any one to endeavor to turn Moslems to Christ, they could not under any circumstances ask for British intervention to extricate them from the dangers which they thus call down upon themselves.

"But also for the sake of the natives who have to be urged to brave the wrath of men for Christ's sake, it is necessary that the missionaries should themselves take the lead in facing these dangers; and should in every possible way make it clear to all that they do not desire to shelter themselves, as British subjects, from the liabilities and perils which would attach to Christian converts from Mohammedanism in the Südan. They will, therefore, voluntarily lay aside all claim to protection as British subjects, and place themselves, while outside British territory, under the authority of the native rulers."

"The missionaries will endeavor in every way to share with the people the difficulties and trials of their Mohammedan environment. When away from the town of Lokoja, either itinerating or resident in Hausa states, they will conform in all respects to the manners and ways of living of the Hausas. The ample garments and wholesome food in use among these people render this complete assimilation to their mode of life as practicable as it is desirable. While resting and recruiting at Lokoja, their base of operations, this conformity to native ways will be adhered to as closely as shall seem compatible with a due regard to the necessity of recruiting their health."

Lokoja, the headquarters of the mission, over 300 miles up the Niger, and

situate at the confluence of the Niger and its great tributary, the Benue, is a town of some 3,000 inhabitants, nearly all of them merchants. It nestles in a hollow at the foot of a great mountain. A gently-sloping spur from the mountain encircles it on the south; the north end is sheltered by a steep little isolated hill.

(To be continued.)

THE GOSPEL IN HAWAII.*

APTAIN COOK, when on his last voyage of discovery in 1778, came upon "one of a group of eight islands, resting like a bunch of water lilies on the bosom of the ocean." These islands were called by the natives Hawaii, but Captain Cook gave them the name of Sandwich Islands, after the Earl of Sandwich. At first the natives treated Captain Cook as a deity, but afterwards, in a fatal dispute with him, they put

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