

still waters. Religion has produced so happy a change, not only upon their minds but upon their conduct, that the rigor of their bondage has been greatly mitigated; and they are placed in circumstances of temporal comfort, to which they could not have been admitted had they retained their wicked and vicious dispositions.

The Mission in *New Zealand* appears to be in a much more prosperous state now than it has ever been since the messengers of peace and salvation carried the gospel to that dark and cruel, polluted and miserable portion of the human race.

By the influence of the missionaries and of the native converts, in one or two instances, already has the tumult of war been hushed; and those who strove against each other's life have been induced to regard themselves as brethren. Amongst a people who were a few years ago utter strangers to letters, there are now several flourishing schools, where a goodly number of children and adults are learning to read those Scriptures which are able to make them wise unto salvation. On one occasion no less than one hundred and twenty-nine natives were publicly baptized; and several hundreds of the sons and daughters of cannibal *New Zealand* have become the sons and daughters of the Lord Almighty.

In the *Friendly Islands*—the triumphs of the gospel have been as signal and as extensive as in any part of the mission field. Nothing but an unshaken confidence in the truth and efficacy of the gospel could have induced the christian missionary to attempt to rescue the inhabitants of those islands from that awful state of degradation in which they had been for ages involved. But in obedience to the Divine command, and relying upon the Divine blessing, they entered the valley of spiritual death; they proclaimed the word of life; the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the people; and thousands were raised from the death of sin to the life of righteousness. Several of the kings and chiefs of these islands, and thousands of the people, have renounced idol-worship and all its attendant rites, cruelties, and abominations; and have not only embraced christianity themselves, but have laboured zealously to extend its influence far and wide.

It was not likely that Satan would witness this inroad on a territory which he had long held in peace, without stirring up his agents to oppose and destroy the messengers of truth and salvation. Accordingly, a most extensive and dangerous organization was formed by the idolatrous inhabitants of the island of *Tonga*, the object of which was the entire overthrow of the government of the christian rulers, and the extermination of christians and the christian religion. As in the days of old, on one side were arrayed the uncircumcised idolators; on the other were the servants of the living God. The conflict was severe; but He who fought for Israel in Egypt, in the wilderness, and in Canaan, gave victory to his chosen ones in *Tonga*; and caused the wrath of man to praise Him, and restrained the remainder of wrath. By these

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