

somewhere in the land. Malice, at such times, is at work, pointing out some parties as causing the death through their incantations. When Bula died, the cry was again raised, "Kill the teachers!" Gaisone was firm on their side, and told the people they must kill him first. Some talked of killing him to get at the teachers; but on this another party was blamed, and revenge sought that very night in the blood of a family of eight individuals in another part of the district.

MARE.

At Mare, our teachers are still laboring. Schools have fallen off, but the services are attended to by many people on the Sabbath. They have four preaching stations in the distance, which they supply on that day. Some, we trust, are "not far from the kingdom of God."

An old chief, hearing the teachers tracing diseases to divine and not human agency, sent for a noted priest, and engaged him to exert his power and bring disease upon some of the teachers, to see whether Jehovah or the priests of Mars were true. The priest went to the bush behind the teacher's house with his basket of relics, viz., the hair, finger-nails, bones, &c., of his forefathers; and, striking the air with his club, looked to see whether there was blood on his basket—a sign that vengeance had gone forth upon the teachers. He beat the air and looked at his basket until he was tired. No blood appeared; and chief and priest concluded that Jehovah, the God of the teachers, must be a true God and a mighty one. The chief is attached to the teachers; and, since that time, the priest has sent for the teachers to preach regularly in his village.

We again anchored at Apia on the 2d of September; and, in closing this Report of our Voyage, we do so with heartfelt thanks to our heavenly Father, for all the protection and guidance vouchsafed throughout its course, and for all the encouragement he gives us

to go forward in our hallowed enterprise for the evangelization of these dark places of the earth.

A TRUE HISTORY.

I know children are very fond of histories, and so I will tell them about a little boy with whom I am acquainted; but, as he may perhaps see this, I do not choose to give his real name, and shall therefore call him Edward, hoping however that he will be able to discover his own character, and perceive its defects.

I do not intend to attribute that to thoughtlessness alone, which certainly springs from the deep depravity of the heart, and displays itself more or less in every child of Adam; proving the truth of Scripture, which asserts, "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child;" and, we "go astray as soon as we are born, speaking lies," Prov. xxii. 15. Psa. lviii. 3.

This little boy is nearly ten years of age, blessed with pious parents, and a kind sister who attends to his education. He possesses an abundant share of religious advantages, and has been regularly accustomed to attend upon a faithful minister; but I am sorry to say he often wishes to stay at home. I fear that he often neglects private prayer, or engages in it in a careless manner, and therefore you will not be surprised at what I am going to tell you. If Edward does anything improper, and is desired by his mamma not to do it, she has to speak several times before he chooses to obey. If he is told to do any thing in the least contrary to his own inclination, he will either refuse to do it, or grumble in a most disagreeable manner; but, if his own requests are not immediately granted, he will keep teasing, or else pout and fret, and not unfrequently get quite in a passion. And I am sorry to say, he often speaks in a disrespectful manner to his kind mamma, though he will declare how very much