
"GOD SPEED SUCH A WORK."

A small paper has been put into my hands, which, I think, contains one of the most striking records ever committed to print. From it I find what your Society has been doing in the Feejee Islands. I was not altogether unacquainted with your labours in that quarter of the world: for my son, who is in the navy, has himself visited the Feejee Islands in one of her Majesty's ships, and although, perhaps, as a young man, he may not have been a very close observer, he saw, in some measure, what you were doing, and he stated to me the great necessity for such operations. He had some intercourse with the natives, and, strange to say, he himself heard the King of the Cannibal Islands deliver a speech, in which he maintained, upon somewhat singular grounds, and by somewhat ingenious arguments, the absolute necessity of eating his subjects. The paper describes the horrors which formerly prevailed in the Feejee Islands. It tells how the bodies of enemies slain in battle were devoured by their enemies with savage relish; how portions of the bodies of prisoners of war were cut from them and eaten before their eyes, and how they languished in pain until their conquerors closed their feast by killing and devouring the miserable victims. This paper then tells of the great efforts made by your Missionaries; of the faith which has led them to encounter martyrdom; and of the determination with which they have consecrated themselves to the service of their Lord and Saviour. Who is there that, upon reading this document, will not say, "God speed such a work?"—*Lord Shaftesbury.*

GOOD NEWS FROM FEEJEE.

I believe that I am the first Missionary from the Friendly Islands who can report in Exeter Hall the total destruction of Heathenism, and the erection of the kingdom of Jesus Christ upon the vast ruins of idolatry in that important field of labour. Even since my respected friend, Mr. Young, visited us in those islands, great and important changes have taken place. The last tribe of heathens, who then were still carrying on their practices of idolatry, have become Christians; but unfortunately, they have become Roman Catholics. This fact, however, is to be asserted, that heathenism, as a system, has been completely abolished in the Friendly Islands.—*Rev. Thos. West (Wesleyan).*