

results that may attend upon your first efforts. You can carry the germ of a mighty oak in your pocket : you could dam with your foot the source of the St. Lawrence ! Go on ; for you do not know what increase the Lord may give ; or what good may flow from your efforts insignificant as they may appear to yourself.

MAN-STEALING IN THE PACIFIC.

There is no sadder or blacker page in the tragic history of slavery and man-stealing, than that which has come to us from the islands of the Pacific. Full details were given in the last number of the *Record* ; but others equally heartrending continue to reach us. Greedy and ruthless men, calling themselves christians and boasting of their civilization and of their superiority to the unsophisticated children of the South, boldly embark in a scheme of diabolical cruelty and carry it out with too complete a measure of success. Peaceful islands whose inoffensive population feared no evil are invaded : the fathers, husbands, sons are seized and carried into captivity. Many are murdered. Many more are left helpless to starve in the desolations made by these merciless invaders. Chiefs, christian teachers, christian converts—all share the same fate ; and thus societies and churches are broken up where all the virtues of christian life were manifested in singular beauty and simplicity. For many months this trade in human life went on almost unchecked : but at length the wail of distress rising from so many desolated homes has reached Europe and America. The response is all that it should be. British influence and power will now be used to protect the weak and helpless. The Government promise to do “ what they can ” to suppress these horrible outrages ; and that they will succeed we have no doubt.

One cannot reflect on the conduct of the South American Government that fostered this traffic without the deepest indignation. Here is a “ Christian ” power—a Papal power—which the Pope regards with peculiar favour, deliberately smiling on a scheme fraught with inexpressible mischief and mi-

serious to hundreds of thousands of the most peaceful and inoffensive of the human race. Mammon, ever the root of evil, is at the root of this outrage. It is found that a mercantile house in Liverpool, England, was partner in the bloody trade and its profits.—That the simple islanders died in scores on the plantations on which they were set to work was nothing to these “ Nimrods.”—“ They got their money, little caring who died for it.

The poor excuse furnished by the apologists of Negro slavery in the “ Confederate States”—that the slaves are brought within range of Christian teaching—is wanting here. *Christians* were beguiled, captured and stolen as well as others. They were brought to Peru : they were set to work ; when they would not work they were flogged, and then they “ sulked, lay down and died.” Think of this, Christian men and women ! Here are your brothers and sisters in the Lord, sold like cattle and flogged to death. It is a page in the history of human cruelty and depravity which no one could have anticipated to see open. Thanks be to God that there is enough humanity and Christianity in Europe to put a summary stop to so cruel a traffic.

PRESENT POSITION OF THE CHURCH OF ROME.

We confess that we cannot look without some degree of concern at the progress made by the Romish superstition in Britain within the last half-century. We regret it profoundly on account of the deluded victims who are caught in the snare of the adversary : we regret it still more deeply as it indicates a dangerous vitality in the Anti-christian system, and a morbid instability in the adherents of the most influential Established Church in the Empire.

A short time ago the newspapers contained a list of several hundreds of “ recent converts ” to the Church of Rome. Scores of these were clergy of the Church of England, and members of the aristocracy of England. The Duchess of Kent is claimed as one of them—falsely no doubt—yet the audacity of the falsehood is suggestive. It