

that these are the true heroes and heroines of the century in which we live. Thus will come accelerated progress.

Some time or other men will find out that the only undecaying power in human civilization is the power of the Gospel of Christ.—*Dr. R. S. Storrs.*

MISSIONS IN THE FIJI ISLANDS.

It was in 1835 that two Wesleyan missionaries entered upon missionary work among the savage and cannibal Fiji Islanders. For many years they worked with but little success; other laborers were sent by the Wesleyans, and little by little the heathenism of the Fiji Islands was overcome. Miss Gordon Cumming, in her recent work "At Home in Fiji" has some appreciative words regarding the work of the Wesleyan missionaries. She says: "I often wish that some of the cavillers who are forever sneering at Christian missions could see something of their results in these isles. But first they would have to recall the Fiji of ten years ago, when every man's hand was against his neighbour, and the land had no rest from barbarous inter-tribal wars, in which the foe, without respect to age or sex, were looked upon only in the light of so much beef; the prisoners deliberately fattened for the slaughter. . . . Now, you may pass from isle to isle, certain everywhere to find the same cordial reception by kindly men and women. Every village on the eighty inhabited isles has built for itself a tidy Church, and a good house for its teacher or native minister, for whom the village also provides food and clothing. Can you realize that there are nine hundred Wesleyan churches in Fiji, at every one of which the frequent services are crowded by devout congregations; that the schools are well attended; and that the first sound which greets your ear at dawn, and the last at night, is that of hymn-singing and most fervent worship rising from each dwelling at the hour of prayer?" And that this religious fervour is not an empty fanaticism is evidenced by the further fact mentioned by Miss Cumming, that in all their secular dealings, the people are distinguished by simplicity, honesty, and kindness.—*S. S. Times.*

A missionary from China says "that if there is anything which lays hold on the poor people there, it is the simple story of the crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is not the morality, or the miracles of the Gospel, or even the wonderful sayings and speeches of our Lord Jesus Christ, but the old story of the cross, of the blood, of the sacrifice, of the satisfaction of Christ in dying for sinners on the tree—that is the power for good in touching the heart and awakening the conscience."

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