

with mighty power, and a great awakening was experienced at Vewa, extending to other islands, so that "business, sleep and food were neglected," while "old and young, chiefs and people were heart-broken before the Lord." The grace of God now made a chief, who has been called "the Napoleon of Feejee,"—a cold-blooded butcher of his people,—like another Paul, a faithful preacher of the faith he once labored to destroy. Still pursuing their labours amid shocking scenes of blood and cruelty, the missionaries have still found the gospel, even in Feejee, "the power of God unto salvation." The number of European missionaries has not exceeded 12, but there are now in the Islands 21 native assistant missionaries, fully set apart to the work; 313 native preachers; 379 native catechists; 1,286 native teachers of day schools; 14,273 communicants in the churches; and 34,522 pupils in schools; also 394 chapels and 175 other preaching places; and the converted savages have contributed largely of their substance for the erection of places of worship and teachers' houses, and now support all the [native?] preachers, and have sent a handsome subscription to the Wesleyan Missionary Society.

#### CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY, AND OTHERS.

Agents both of the Church Missionary and of the Wesleyan Societies have also had marked success among the natives of New Zealand, Tasmania, and Australia. The Church Missionary Society now reports 4,535 native communicants, 11 native clergymen, and 397 native teachers in New Zealand. Several years since, the Society estimated the native population at from 80,000 to 120,000, and stated that three-fourths of these were, nominally, Protestant Christians; while the remnant of heathenism was so small that they might be called a Christian people.

In 1848, Mr. Geddie, of "the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America," went to Aneiteum, one of the New Hebrides Islands, having about 4,000 inhabitants. In 1852, the first church was organized, with 13 native converts, and now, "the whole island is thoroughly Christianized; not a remnant of the old superstition remains; numerous schools are opened in all parts of the island; the proportion of church members is quite as large as in any Christian country; the Sabbath is strictly observed; and in every family the voice of praise and prayer is heard, every morning and evening."

It is not needful to go farther with such statements. The fact is apparent, that He who, by his providence and his Spirit, has led his people to do so much for the salvation of savage races in the Pacific, has not failed to attend the efforts made with his rich blessing. Many scores of thousands, we have every reason to suppose, have been truly born of God, and will be, to the missionaries, the crown of rejoicing in the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ, at his coming. There have been many and sore trials. A number of laborers have fallen by the hand of violence. But in no other portion of the world, as yet, have modern missions gathered so large a harvest of converted souls. The present number of full church members reported by the Wesleyan Society alone, in Polynesia and Australia, is almost 40,000; the number of pupils in their schools more than 85,000, and the number of attendants on public worship, 206,688.—*Missionary Herald*.

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## Notes of Missionary Tours.

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### MISSIONARY MEETINGS,—EASTERN DISTRICT.

According to the plan laid down by the Local Secretary for the Western part of the District, our first meeting was held at Belleville on the 18th January.

Being on the deputation, your correspondent started for the above tour at the time appointed, and the day proving one of the coldest of the season, he felt no little pleasure in the thought that the journey was to be made by Rail, notwithstanding the many accidents and mishaps to which the Grand Trunk seems so