

est ignorance, and eight years were spent before on was converted to Christ.

If you look at the part of the sea between North and south America, you will see some small islands marked w. i. These are the West Indies. This part of the world was discovered by Columbus about 400 years ago, but was unknown to Europe before. It is here where the negro slaves, about whom you have heard so often were kept, but set at liberty a few years since. Most of our sugar and coffee comes from the West Indies. It was to this part the first Protestant Missionaries were sent about 110 years ago. They went from Germany, and were so anxious to preach the gospel to the poor slaves, that when they heard there was no way to do it but by becoming slaves themselves, they said they were quite ready to sell themselves as such, if any one would buy them. There are now many thousands of these slaves converted to God.

In South America very little is being done for the conversion of the people. There are a few mission stations along the northern and eastern coast, but none in the interior, and there the people truly "sit in darkness and the shadow of death."

You will notice a number of islands lying to the west, or left of South America. These are the groups of South Sea islands, where the Missionary Williams used to labor, and where so much good was done by him. The people in many of those islands were very savage. They often feasted on human flesh, and murdered and devoured all that fell into their hands by war. They were idolaters also and very ignorant and very wicked. Mr. Williams built a ship, and sailed amongst them, and taught them how wicked it was to live as they were doing. Many of them soon gave up their idols, and destroyed their temples, and believed in Christ to their salvation. And now,

if you were to land on the very islands where only a few years ago you would have been killed and eaten, you would see pretty villages and neat churches, and you would hear the people singing the praise of Christ instead of raising as formerly their fearful battle cries. In some of the islands the war hatchets are turned into bells to call the congregations together to worship, and the old spears and clubs made into hand rails to help the minister to ascend the pulpit to declare to them the Gospel of peace.

Many of the islands, however, are still as ignorant and cruel as ever; but we are hoping, that before long they too will be brought to submit to Christ.

The two islands down at the left side of the map are called New Zealand. The natives were savages, and many are so still. For some years there has been a mission there, which has been very successful, and many of our countrymen have gone to live there and have built towns.

I promised to point out to you in this map the Isle of Pines, mentioned in the last number. New Caledonia is an island above New Zealand, near the edge of the map. The Isle of Pines is a small one just below it.

And now I must draw my description of the heathen world to a close. I have said very little about each country as I passed, but I hope to give fuller accounts in future. My only object has been to give you some correct ideas as to the places where the heathen live, that when I write about them you may know the spot in which to find them. We long for the time to come when there shall be no such heathen to write about, but "when the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the channels of the great deep," and when the shout shall be heard through heaven, "Hallelujah! The kingdoms of the world are the kingdoms of our God and of his Christ!"

May you and I, dear readers, help forward that glorious time!