

alone as their 'Bishops, Priests, and Deacons.'" In the same letter a Native Agency is forcibly recommended, and attention called to the Rev. Dr. Beecham's able treatment of this subject some years ago. A new edition of the Tonguese Testament, lately arrived at its destination, made the shouts of the natives jubilant. At Haabai there is but one Missionary to a Society of 2,000, and a Circuit, among many islands, requiring three hundred miles of boat travelling to get round it. A Native's description of a recent volcano at Niau Foo is truly eloquent. Thirty distinct craters can be counted. Twenty-five persons, chiefly members, were destroyed, and a Wesleyan Church, and ten miles of valuable country devastated. A noble Missionary took his stand by the side of the fiercest crater, and preached from the verse commencing with, "For we know that if our earthly tabernacle be dissolved."

Wesleyan Missionaries in China were busy at last dates distributing their share of the million Testaments in shops and houses. Three more labourers were appointed by the last English Conference to the empire, making six; but that child of Providence, Piercy, writes, "Let us be ten in number." From Tonga the tidings come that a Royal Marriage was solemnized in a Wesleyan Mission Church, which a multitude attended, and feasted on some thousand hogs, besides turtle, sharks, and many thousands of baskets of yams and other vegetables. The Notice containing them is worth many times its price, for several letters from Native Teachers. The Rev. T. B. Freeman, of the Gold Coast, Africa, reports concerning the Beulah Model Plantation, for testing the feasibility of growing profitably coffee, grapes, cinnamon, mangoes, olives. Scholars are the labourers. Grenada has lost by cholera 3,000 out of 28,500 inhabitants. An opening caused by revolution in Spain has well-served the Rev. George Alton, Wesleyan Missionary at Gibraltar, for introducing into that country, upwards of 5,000 bibles, testaments, and other volumes, and publications. The Rev. Messrs. Freeman and Wharton's visit to the King of Dahomi, on that coast, is important, and the account of the Slave Trade there painful. Belize, in Honduras, has been very mercifully saved from a threatening fire. Eight hundred bibles, and twelve hundred testaments have just been granted by the British and Foreign Bible Society for the use of the Wesleyan Missions at Sierra Leone. Scattered through the Notices are cheering narratives of success in the spiritual department of the Missions, and some remarkable answers to prayer. The most influential chief in Feejee, and others, have just become Christians. Australia has assumed an imposing appearance in the Minutes of Conference; the Rev. Robt. Young's visit to that country and Polynesia is gratefully spoken of in a number of letters; and with others we rejoice that so christian and judicious a man has just published a work, entitled "The Southern World," very much eulogized. Wesleyan Missions are in progress. Scarcely a month passes, but Missionaries are arriving or departing; and the liberal hearted in Britain and the Colonies maintain them. We see large sums, and legacies for China, and the general work acknowledged every month, given by the piety of a people whom we would emulate in thus publishing salvation. The Parent trunk has had to bear for some time the most merciless blasts of calumny and vengeance, but the root is the firmer, and the branches more vigorous, beauteous and prolific.