

hung up by the neck. The explanation his majesty gave was, that *he* had done it, to show all the people that they were *dead*.

Such conduct as this greatly alarmed the priests: so one day one of the *Tauala Eikis* told him, now he had abandoned the gods, that there was no one to defend him; and that, if he ventured into the sea, (the daily custom of the *Tonguese*,) some day a shark would eat him. Instantly *Taufaahau* challenged this priest to swim in the open ocean. It was accepted. They swam. *Taufaahau* returned in perfect safety; but the priest was so torn by a shark, that he died shortly after.

Thus did the lying priests of heathenism in *Habai* receive a check from the king; while he continued in an onward course, until the sacred houses (or heathen temples) were devoted to better purposes, or burnt to the ground, and the gods abandoned.

It was in the year 1830 that *Tan-*

*faahau*, by joining a class-meeting, became a member of the Wesleyan Society. And now a most encouraging sight was presented to the view of the missionary. Early in the morning there was the king, his pupil at school, sitting to read the word of God, standing up with his subjects, with them reciting the Creed and Catechisms, or with them lowly bowing and chanting the Lord's Prayer. "Happy is that people that is in such a case; yea, happy is that people whose God is the LORD!"

As the king had now entirely renounced heathenism, was a worshipper of the true and living God, was under the instruction of the missionary, and had joined the people of God, he was considered a proper subject for baptism; and, having declared his faith in God, he was accordingly baptized by the name of George, after the father of his people, George III., of Great Britain.—*London Wesleyan Juvenile Offering.*



### THE STONE IN THE POND.

There goes the stone, splash into the pond! Look at the circles round the place where it went in! They grow larger and

larger, till they fill the whole pond!

Our heart is like the pond. Every thought, every word, every action, is a stone thrown into it. It may seem a