

A REVIVAL IN THE SANDWICH ISLANDS.

MANY letters have been received from the Sandwich Island filled with accounts of the remarkable work of grace which has been going on there during the last summer. Dr. Hyde speaks of the fact that the movement has reached many of the most depraved people. Mr. Forbes accompanied Mr. Hallenbeck in visiting the several districts, and acted as interpreter. We extract the following from Mr. Forbes' account of the meetings which have been held.

"The results are very cheering. Full congregations attend, spiritual interest is awake, christian life is quickened and developed, and many souls, some of them hitherto the most hardened and apparently hopeless, have been brought into the kingdom of Christ.

A series of meetings was arranged, intended primarily for native Hawaiians. But practically it has proved to be a series of union meetings for foreigners and natives, as both languages were used in the speaking and singing. All have thus been brought into close christian contact and communion in spiritual things, and the sight has been most wonderful. Many wanderers from among the foreigners have been restored, and many hardened sinners have found peace and joy in believing.

The breathless attention, with here and there a trickling tear, have hushed our hearts in awe, and filled our mouth with praise as we have felt that God Himself was in the midst of us. And then the solemn earnest after-meetings have been seasons of special privilege and blessing, both to instruction and inquirers, such as will never fade from memory.

The best feature of all is that the work goes steadily on after the special revival meetings have closed. This makes it evident that it is more than a mere human impulse or excitement."

PRIESTS INQUIRING.

REV. N. H. SHAW, a Protestant missionary in Rome, writes: "We often have priests at our services. Last Sunday morning two entered and stood several minutes while I was opening our Sunday school. Several have come to converse with me. Generally, however, they come to the meetings in disguise. I had a conversation with one the other evening who has been attending the meetings for some

time. He has ceased to perform functions, but still dresses as a priest except when he comes to our meeting. He tells me that he has been an evangelical believer for years, and prays daily that God will open a door whereby he may escape from his present position. His only request to me was, that in case he should fall ill, I should send Sig. Bertola to visit him, and not let him fall into the hand of the priests. He adheres to his dress and his income for he knows no other means of earning his bread, but has an earnest desire to die and be buried as a Protestant believer in Christ. Poor fellow! If we are sorry that he has not the courage to abandon all for Christ, at least we who are in Rome know how to abstain from condemning him, and can sympathize even when we cannot approve or praise." Mr. Shaw adds that there are many such Nicodemuses in Italy.

"Men may glorify the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of men," said Dr. Godwin, preaching before the American Board recently; "but such beliefs will never send missionaries to face the malarial belt of Africa, or the cannibals of the South Pacific. Only such tremendous truths as gather round Sinai and Calvary—man's redemption, life and death heaven and hell—can inspire to such undertakings."

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