

nation, the islanders have again and again refused the proffered religion of papal Rome, professedly that they might give undivided attention to that which we had brought to them. A crisis in the religious state of the nation, and in the work of the mission, having arrived, the missionaries asked for eighteen more ordained missionaries, two physicians, and 21 lay-teachers, to make the whole waiting people at once acquainted with the gospel. Two physicians, three preachers, and nine teachers, were sent the past year. Do any still ask, Why so many laborers are employed at the Sandwich Islands? The answer is, that the work, which Providence has made ready for our hands by signal interpositions may be accomplished in the shortest possible time, and thus a glorious exemplification be afforded to the church and the world of what Christian missions, through the power of divine grace, may effect. In no other nation could the Board so well make the experiment, as in that.

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*Extract of a Letter from Mr. Mason.*

"My heart is *pain'd* with every day's report," when I look upon the fields white for harvest, and behold the harvesters standing in idle contention about their tools, or the proper mode of operation, to the neglect of the command, "thrust in the sickle and reap." And, then, how little is exhibited of that "Agape" which "suffereth long, and is kind; envieth not; vaunteth not itself; is not puffed up; doth not behave itself unseemly; seeketh not her own; is not easily provoked; thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things!"

The world, my dear brother, never will, never can, be converted the way

we are going on. I want to see the church *awake*; I want to see Christians *absorbed* in the great object of the world's conversion to God—the *whole* world. I am utterly amazed to see occasional allusions which seem to indicate that the missionary's ardor may be diminished, when he reaches heathen lands, and becomes familiar with idolatry. Why, the fact is, we come out like thirsty men, thirsting for the conversion of the natives, and die of thirst because they are not converted. I never had a *tenth part* of the missionary spirit at home that I have here. What a glorious soul-absorbing subject is the conversion of these Burmans, and Talings, and Siamese, and Shyans, and Karens, and Kyens to Christianity. "My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth," for this consummation "so *devoutly* to be wished." We have eyes to see what ought to be done, without hands to do it. We see that the church has only to come in the name of the God of Hosts, and her report will be, "*Veni, vidi, vici.*" There is moral power enough in the church to shake the pillars of Pandemonium to their foundations, and put all its counsels to confusion, were that power brought to bear on the legitimate object of attack. It is too late for skepticism now. The experiment has been tried, and it has been fully proved, that heathenism shrinks before "the sword of the Lord." She has long ago ceased to come to the attack, and her defences are mouldering walls, and ivied battlements, destined, inevitably destined, to fall whenever the church "mustereth the host to the battle."

I think every minister, and candidate for the ministry, ought to feel the duty of going abroad resting upon him; and if circumstances forbid his going, then he should provide a substitute. Have you sent your substitute?—*Baptist Missionary Magazine.*