

The stealing of one of the ship's boats for the nails it contained, occasioned all Capt. Cook's trouble at this Island, and eventuated in his death. But does this furtive disposition still remain? let the following facts answer. While the ship of Capt. A. was lying in Kealakekua Bay, in the spring of 1829, a young native called on board in company with the Rev. Mr. Ruggles. The Captain recognised his features, but noticed that he was reserved and thoughtful. On being alone in the cabin with Capt. A. and Mr. R., he told the Captain, through the medium of Mr. Ruggles, that when on a former voyage, he had wronged the Captain in a trade with potatoes, to the amount of one barrel, worth three dollars, and he now wished to make restitution, for he had felt unhappy ever since. Capt. A. had no knowledge of the circumstance, and refused to receive the proffered compensation. The same Captain related another anecdote of a chief. The Captain had paid him for certain articles, a sum of money in quarter dollar pieces, of which, without the knowledge of the Captain, there happened to be one quarter too much; *the chief immediately returned the piece*, with the word that if it had happened before the introduction of the Gospel, the mistake would not have been rectified.

What glorious results are these! *Ye who oppose Missions, what say you to such a change?* What a conquest here, not by might, or by power, *but by the Spirit of the Lord?* What a TRIUMPH here, not of belligerent forces conquering in cruel wars, *but of "the sacramental host of God's elect" by the glorious Gospel of the "Prince of peace."*

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NECESSITY OF STRIVING.

"Strive ye to enter in; for many shall seek to enter in, but shall not

be able," Many—not one, or two, but many—shall seek to enter into the kingdom of God; that is, shall think about turning to him, and shall intend to do it one of these days, and shall talk about goodness, and shall now and then take up a Bible. They shall seek—they shall look—for the way to heaven, as a rich man might look for a sixpence that he had dropped in a dusty road. But because they do not set about the work with all their heart, and mind and soul, and strength,—because they do not look for salvation as one of you would look for a golden sovereign if you had lost one from your month's wages,—therefore they shall not be able to enter in. They shall have the pain, the misery, the unspeakable woe and anguish of seeing thousands and tens of thousands entering in, but themselves shut out—shut out, observe, not because they were profligate, or drunken, or thievish, or oppressive: but because they only *sought* when they should have *striven*; because they crept when they should have walked, and walked when they should have run as in a race, (1 Cor. ix. 24;) because they did not feel during their life time that this wilderness world is no abiding place for an immortal spirit. No; they loved earth and the things of earth above God and the things of God. They gave their minds to this world, with its cares and pleasures; but knew and thought little about Christ, and had no wish to learn more. Their religion was one of days, and rites, and outward forms; instead of being an active principle, running through their whole life. They served God, partly from habit, partly for decency's sake, partly because they knew they must: but they did not serve him in the spirit of faith and love; and therefore the service was a burden to them. Sunday was to them the dulllest day of the seven; instead of longing to enter into the courts of the Lord, their secret plea-