

promise, in that same hour what they should speak—for it was the spirit of their Father who spoke in them.

A favorable impression had been made ; a certain awe had been instilled into their ignorant minds. As soon as suitable converts had been instructed at the mission station they were sent to the out-districts, and then could have been seen daily what would have gladdened the hearts of all supporters of foreign missions—children, parents, and grandparents sitting side by side learning to read portions of the Word of God in a language that for the first time had been reduced to writing.

As Waihit's knowledge of the Bible increased he became an excellent preacher, after having served as a teacher on Futuna for a number of years ; he returned to his own island and was ordained an elder of the Church—the permanent church building having been erected on his own plot of ground, which he gave to the missionary for that purpose. In latter years, although his eyes grew dim, he never failed to take his due share in conducting the Sabbath services. When his turn came one of the younger office bearers would read the chapter while the vigorous old man delivered the address. On communion Sabbaths it was his special delight to sit on the pulpit steps, so as to be as near the feet of the missionary as possible ; and the crown of blessing, had he been spared to see it, is that *his eldest son* was last Sabbath taking my place at the central church while I was preaching at a branch station.

Who can describe all the untold blessings which the teaching of Jesus has brought to women and girls in every land where Christianity prevails ?

Since the advent of the Gospel cannibalism, infanticide, widow strangling, and tribal war has ceased, and a felt sense of peace and security has been brought to many poor heathen natives in the South Sea Islands, who formerly had no hope, neither had they any idea of the loving character of the true God.

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