

Williams, who fell on Erromanga. It is a very remarkable and significant fact that his *murderer's youngest son* is to-day, as a professing disciple, addressing crowds in Sydney, New South Wales; and his *oldest son*, now past 60 years, has asked to be instructed in the way of salvation, and is now being taught by the missionaries on Erromanga the way of life! What hath God wrought! Truly the "field is the world, and the *good seed are the children of the kingdom!*" John Williams died and was buried as God's seed, and here is a part of the visible harvest.

Hayti presents in its past history and present condition one of the worst types of paganism. Cannibalism of the worst kind prevails. Not simply are human beings eaten, not only are those who are devoured captives or prisoners taken in war or by violence for cannibal purposes, but family feasts are held where those who partake actually eat the flesh of a *member of the family!* Children are devoured as a delicacy by their own mothers, who assert and justify their right thus to appropriate the fruit of their own womb. This is under no pressure of hunger or want. It is simply a proof of the fact that the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty. An attempt was made by a governor of Hayti to suppress the atrocity by executing those engaged in such a cannibal feast, but he was driven from the throne and compelled to take refuge in the neighboring island of Jamaica, the condition of which, under the influence of a pure gospel, is a sufficient refutation of the charge that *missions* are a failure. These two islands, side by side, are a standing monument of the respective influences of the gospel and paganism, even when a nominal Christianity like Romanism touches its awful death shade. A. T. P.

We desire here to express our indebtedness to the Baptist Missionary Union for various missionary items

relating to their own missions, which we give from month to month. Its plan of sending out monthly a letter giving in condensed form the latest news from their various fields, is an admirable one, and we wish other societies would follow the example. It is, in fact, an advance sheet of fresh and important news, and the facts are eagerly caught up by busy editors and given to the public. J. M. S.

"The American Board Almanac of Missions" for 1890 is a thing of beauty as well as utility. It is crowded with matters of interest and information respecting missions. It is sent by mail for 10 cents a copy, \$1.00 a dozen, \$6 a hundred. Send orders to C. E. Sweet, 1 Somerset St., Boston. See our advertising sheet in January number for fuller account. J. M. S.

Our associate, Dr. Pierson, is meeting with great success in London and Scotland. Enthusiastic crowds, filling the largest churches and halls in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dundee, and wherever he goes, flock to hear his addresses. He has averaged two or more addresses a day, we believe, since he landed at Liverpool. In his last letter he says: "Every day is filled with engagements to the 1st of May, and even June if I will consent to remain." The interest is intense. All ranks and classes and denominations are engaged in the work, and important results must flow from it.

J. M. S.

[We have received a letter from an aged minister of Christ, in the course of which occur the following significant words.—EDS.]

"My attention has for forty years been fixed upon those professors of religion who may be called 'average Christians.' They compose a very large part of the Church, and questions like these have often arisen: Are they Christians? Are they a help or a hindrance to the cause of Christ? Ought not special efforts to be made to reach them for their own sake and for the sake of the cause of Christ?"

"I was not a little surprised some time ago to find in Dr. Gräke's 'Hours with the Bible'