

the year before, on the accession of Rihorihō, idolatry was utterly abolished; so that, on their arrival, the people were ready to receive them with open arms. The circumstances attending this singular event, are detailed by their fellow-labourer, Mr. Ellis, in his Tour through Hawaii. The powerful and intelligent Tamehameha had unintentionally prepared his subjects for this change, by adopting European arts and improvements, through the advice and assistance of two respectable British seamen, accidentally left here in 1790, Mr. John Young and Mr. Isaac Davis, on whom he conferred estates, with the rank of chiefs. Mr. Young promoted the introduction of Christianity, and was alive in 1827, at the visit of Captain Beechey. Learning, religion, and civilization, have progressed more rapidly here, than at any other group. Many thousands have learned to read and write; and multitudes have become genuine Christians.

At all the principal Missionary stations in the Pacific, schools are established, as well as public worship; and the printing-press is employed in aid of the pulpit. Thus the light of divine truth is diffused, conveying life, and peace, and joy, to the nations.—Contemplating such blessed results, along with the extension of science and of commerce, we may boldly say, that the Voyages of our great navigator are connected with the best interests of the human race. In future ages, the natives of these distant isles will revere the memory of that enterprising hero, who first made them known to the Christian world.

THE END.

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