

that I ever saw, in a conspicuous place among the women ; and heard the Gospel preached by a native minister, and the accents of their praise ascending on high, like the voice of many waters. The church is a large native building, capable of holding one thousand persons, and displays great ingenuity in its style of architecture. It is situated within a few yards of the ruins of an old heathen temple, where human sacrifices were wont to be offered to the gods previous to their being cooked and eaten. The ovens which were used for this revolting purpose of cooking the victims are still to be seen, filled with earth, and quite close to the church."

But the fullest testimony is that of Miss C. F. Gordon Cumming,* a lady of considerable celebrity as a traveller and author, who, by invitation, accompanied Sir Arthur and Lady Gordon as a member of their family. Miss Cumming spent two years in Fiji, during which time she explored most of the inhabited islands, mingled freely with the people in their homes and at social and public gatherings, and was a careful observer of their customs, manners, and morals. She vividly describes the wonderful transition which has ensued from the most savage barbarism to Christian civilization by the introduction of the Gospel. "Strange, indeed," she writes, "is the change that has come over these isles since first the Wesleyan missionaries landed here, in the year 1835, resolved, at the hazard of their lives, to bring the light of Christianity to these ferocious cannibals. Imagine the faith and courage of the two white men, without any visible protection, landing in the midst of these bloodthirsty hordes, whose unknown language they had in the first instance to master ; and day after day witnessing such scenes as chill one's blood to hear about. Many such have been described to me by eye-witnesses. Slow and disheartening was their labour for many years ; yet so well has that little leaven worked, that, with the exception of Kai Tholos, the wild highlanders who still hold out in their mountain fastnesses, the eighty inhabited isles have all abjured cannibalism and other frightful customs, and have *loved* (*i.e.*, embraced Christianity) in such good earnest as may well put to shame many more civilized nations.

*At Home in Fiji. 1 vol. 8vo, pp. 365, with map and illustrations. New York: Armstrong & Co. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. Price, \$2.