

per application of the objects of sense, we shall learn how to render the things of this life not only serviceable, but delightful. If we attentively regard the wonders of Creation, we shall discover gradations; some rising superior to others in excellence, of some kind or other, which is peculiar to each particular species. In vegetable and mere animal nature this is unattainable; but in the higher class of animated nature—in man—much depends on his own exertion, as is evident from the incidents of the learned men of all ages and all climates, some of whom, though born under all the disadvantages of superstition and barbarism, yet, by a right application of their understanding, have signalized themselves in the delightful fields of science and virtue, not excelled by those who lived and studied in the most civilized nations, with all the advantages of instruction and method to regulate their researches. To this excellence the former have attained by a due cultivation of their minds; they have increased in knowledge, in regular gradation, till they have arrived at the highest pitch of mental improvement. The mind of man is generally distinguished by several operations: first, that of perception; second, judgment; third, reasoning; fourth, and lastly, by method. This I conceive to be the last operation of the mind; because we must perceive, judge, and reason, before we can methodize. The mind must be stored with the knowledge resulting from the foregoing operations, before it can be capable of disposing its intellectual acquirements into classes, or uniting them according to their proper connection and dependencies. How delightful is the task of enquiry! How important the advantages resulting from investigation! Amply rewarded is he who searches into Nature, who contemplates the beauty of Creation, who studies the wonders that surround him, and the omnipotence of that Being who still supports and directs the whole Creation. His extension of ideas and strength, thus acquired—his understanding soaring above the vulgar prejudices,—he views the works of God with satisfaction; and not only derives consolation from every object of his admiration, but exclaims, "Great is the mystery of godliness."

Father, how wide thy glory shines!
How high thy wonders rise!
Known through the earth by thousand signs,
By thousands through the skies.

Those mighty orbs proclaim thy power;
Their motion speak thy skill;
And on the wings of every hour,
We read thy patience still.

Part of thy name divinely stands,
On all thy creatures writ;
They show the labour of thy hands,
Or impress of thy feet.

Windsor, Dec., 1833.

Dr. Beecher, in one of his Lectures, says—"There is but one way of securing universal equality to man, and that is, to regard every honest employment as honourable, and then for every man to learn, in whatever state he may be, therewith to be content, and to fulfil, with strict fidelity, the duties of his station, and to make every condition a post of honour."

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Letter from Mr. Coan, dated at Hilo, Hawaii,
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NUMEROUS ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCH.

THE following letter is given as a part of the history of the mission. It is important that the christian community should know in what labours the missionaries are engaged, by what means, and with what spirit and what hopes they prosecute them, and by what results, seen in the apparent conversion of great multitudes, surpassing any thing witnessed since the days of the apostles, they are cheered on in their work. The missionaries at the islands have ever been regarded as sober and discreet men, and it is to be hoped that the estimates which they send home of what the Spirit of God is doing in the midst of them, and by their agency, will be fully confirmed by the lives of the thousands who are now admitted to the visible church of Christ. Still these "babes in Christ," these who are just girding on the harness in the christian warfare, against the world and their own lusts, are entitled to our sympathies and unceasing prayers. And so are the missionaries, in these times of overwhelming labour and responsibility. If painful reverses should soon follow, the friends of missions must not wonder or be disheartened. Such is often the fact, where the Lord has undoubtedly been doing a great work.

THE great goodness of God to this people induced me to write you at this time. Through the loving kindness and tender mercy of our God "the day spring from on high hath visited us." To us the present is "the year of the right hand of the Most High," "for he that is mighty has done for us great things, and holy is his name."

On the 19th of March I wrote you a somewhat full account of the work of God's Spirit among this people. Since then, it has advanced without interruption, and with unabated energy; and now while I write, the waves of salvation roll deep and broad over this field. The Spirit of the Highest breathes upon the slain. They breathe—they live—they stand up an army to praise the Lord. Every day gives us fresh demonstrations that God has awaked to our help, and that this is his work.

Since I last wrote you I have been almost constantly engaged in preaching, travelling among the people, and examining candidates for the church. I usually preach from seven to twenty times a week, and the people are still eager to hear. A large congregation can be collected here on the shortest notice, and at almost any time of day or night. Our congregation at the station has sometimes swelled to five, six, and even to seven thousand. Who are these that fly as a cloud and as doves to their windows? Christ rides gloriously in the chariot of salvation. His arrows are in the hearts of his enemies. There is a great quaking among sinners through this field. During a recent tour through Hilo and Puna, in which Mr. W. accompanied me, the same general tokens of the divine presence were manifested as I described on a former occasion. The gospel was every where the power of God unto salvation. It was like the fire and the hammer. The most hardened sinners were melted and broken under it. Many who on a former tour remained in their houses or hid themselves in the jungle to avoid the light of truth, now came out of their lurking places, and submitted with tears to the Lord Jesus.

In my last I wrote you that on the first Sabbath in

January, 1838, that 403 were baptized. On March 1st, of the church, glorious day, alone with beloved as to Oahu, and on the communicants many pray five or six actively.

During the month received to the church. The infirm, with the assistance of the Lord's servants, which I first Sabbath individual souls, and on the 1st of the month four hundred and fifteen were added to the church. Five for our about two hundred and fifty here is a spread of

DISEASE.

THIS disease, some, a slightly branched tree, and an extensive gum from the trunk, and the trunk is injured. The entomologist, the blight, several Peck, and the led to the bar, and is much smaller lumps. The w is very common in a state of decay.