

THE GOSPEL IN FIJI.

The *Missionary News* tells a story like this:

"The people of Fiji had at one time cooked and eaten thirty people; and it was said that at the next meal they were determined to have some Christians. Just then, the king went to the mission-house; something had happened to make him cross before he went, and when he found the missionary was not there, he was very angry. The missionary's wife offered him some tea and something to eat. He drank the tea, but flung back the food angrily. At that moment a chief came in, and crawled submissively toward the king.

"The king cried out, 'Split his head with an axe.' Just then the missionary came in, and the man was saved; but the king declared he would kill the next Christian natives he should meet. Two who were near by said to each other, 'Heaven is near,' and then they went behind a bush near by to pray for themselves and for the king and for their persecutors; but they were not killed. The followers of the king said, 'If you missionaries would go away, these people would be in the ovens. We came to kill them, but we cannot lift a hand. The Christian's God is too strong for us.'"

Now there is a church on every one of the Fiji Islands, there are schools everywhere, and in a great many houses the first thing you hear in the morning and the last at night is the sound of prayer and the singing of hymns. People can go from island to island in perfect safety, and the days when men and women and even little children were eaten are passed away.

This is what missionary work has done for the South Sea Islands.

THE RANSOM.

Christ did not send,

But gave himself to save;

The ransom-price he did not lend,

But gave;

Christ died—the shepherd for the sheep;

We only fall asleep.

A BIBLICAL ALPHABET.

- A was a traitor hung by the hair—
- B was a folly built high in the air—
- C was a mountain o'erlooking the sea—
- D was a nurse buried under a tree—
- E was a first-born, bad from his youth—
- F was a ruler who trembled at truth—
- G was a messenger sent with good words—
- H was a mother who loaned to the Lord—
- I was a name received of the Lord—
- J was a shepherd in Arabian land—
- K was a place near the desert of sand—
- L was a pauper begging his bread—
- M was an idol, an object of dread—
- N was an architect years ago—
- O was a rampart to keep out the foe—
- P was an isle whence a saint looked abov—
- Q was a Christian sainted in love—
- R was obscure yet a mother of Kings—
- S was a Dauid, who did wonderful things—
- T was a city that had a stronghold—
- U was a country productive of gold—
- V was a queen whom a King set aside—
- Z was a place where a man wished to hide.

[Look up the Bible references that tell of these things and write them in the blank space between each.—*Sell*]

A WONDERFUL PENNY.

Fifty years ago a child gave a penny to the missionary box. A little tract, costing just one penny, was bought with it, and some one gave it to a young man, the son of a Burman chief. He travelled two hundred and fifty miles to learn to read it. The Christian teachers taught him, and God gave him a new heart. He went home and preached to others, and fifteen hundred heathen were converted and baptized.—*Spirit of Missions*.