

"And I may love him here! How glad you have made me, dear mamma."

And the mother bowed her head and prayed silently and earnestly, that her babe might love the Saviour.—*Amer. Paper.*

Missionary Intelligence.

POLYNESIAN ISLANDS.—TAHITI.

By letters recently received from this island, we derive the gratifying intelligence that the revival of spiritual religion announced in our former numbers to have taken place at several of the mission stations, has, in the gracious providence of God, continued to extend its influence.

The Rev. Wm. Howe, writing under date the 16th April, to the Rev. David Darling, at present in this country, gives the following encouraging statement;—

"You would be greatly grieved to hear of the death of Utarui before you sailed. I was with him an hour before he died. His end was what it might be expected to be—perfect peace. Almost his last words were, 'My place above is prepared.' I had some unbelieving fears that now he was gone and you were absent, things would go wrong at Bunauia; but, wonderful to relate, a state of life and activity pervades the whole of the district. Moevai is most active and energetic in every good work, and is praised by all for his devotedness. The troops have been removed from Bunauia, there being only two mutoi and one soldier to keep charge of the gun.—This appears a merciful providence, as the place is now only under the superintendence of the native officers, and the schools under that of the deacons. I have not been able to do as you bid me about the students, which was, that none of them should go until they had been twelve months in the Institution; for the people would have them; and as every sermon they preach is examined by me before they go, I do not regret the determination of the people to have them. The list of candidates which you left had increased to thirty the first ordinance day. I was engaged in their examination and in the church-meeting, from eleven to four in the afternoon; nineteen of them were admitted, and three adults were baptized. From that time there has been a remarkable development of a long-standing work. Many it would appear have been living under conviction for a long time, which your last sermon was the means of bringing to maturity. As soon as you had left the place, everybody appeared to feel, 'We have long enjoyed the faithful ministry of our Missionary, but we have not availed ourselves of its advantage; and now he is gone!' And

they have by these reflections been led to decide. I spent last Friday and Saturday week there, employed almost the whole time in examining candidates, and in admitting members to the church. Sixty-one were admitted, after a faithful examination into their sentiments and conduct. I durst not keep them out, lest I should be sinning against them, and the Head of the church. I also baptized eighteen adults. Pray that those who have been admitted may remain faithful."

SOCIETY ISLANDS.—HUAHINE.

It is gratifying to learn, that the principal settlement on this island, which suffered so severely a few years ago, from the devastations of the French, is gradually recovering its former prosperity; that the services of the sanctuary and the education of the young are again regularly conducted; and that the labors of the missionary are attended with some gracious tokens of the divine approval.

In a subsequent letter, dated Tahiti, 20th June, Mr. Barff furnishes the following brief notice of a visit he had paid to the island of Maiaoiti, one of the out-stations connected with this section of the missionary field.

I embrace this opportunity of informing you that I have just reached this place, after a three weeks' visit to Maiaoiti. We found the people in this island living together in great harmony, and attending with regularity on the means of grace. The Church had not received any additions during the year, neither had any been separated for improper conduct; but four of the members had been removed by death, concerning whom, it is pleasing to record, that their end was peace. The island contains a population of 300, of whom 76 are at present members of the Church, and there are 100 children in attendance on the school.

During our stay, we celebrated the ordinance of the Lord's Supper, and baptized six infants.

We held the annual meeting of the Auxiliary Missionary Society; and the sum contributed by that poor people amounted to fifty Spanish dollars.

We endeavored to excite their attention to spiritual things by the constant preaching of the Gospel, school instruction, and visits from house to house. The native teacher, Arue, has at present the care of the station. Much sickness prevailed in the island when we arrived; but we had the happiness of leaving all nearly restored to health.

TRUTH.—It is not enough that we have once swallowed truths; we must feed on them, as insects on a leaf, till the whole heart is coloured by their qualities, and shows its food in even the minute fibres.—*Coleridge.*