



THE BELL-RINGER OF RAROTONGA.

IN the year 1855 it was our happiness, along with other friends, to welcome in Edinburgh the Rev. William Gill, of the London Missionary Society, and "Isaiah," his son in the gospel, from the island of Rarotonga. Mr. Gill, whose young companion has returned to the scene of Mr. G.'s long and blessed labours in the South Sea Islands, tells a beautiful story of a little boy in Rarotonga who "did what he could" for the cause of Christ.*

"Just about the time when Williams fell, there were two little native boys, one on the island of Aitutaki, and another on the island of Rarotonga, islands in Eastern Polynesia, who, in the days of their youth, gave themselves to God, and who were raised up by him to be the honoured instruments to commence the good work now going on in Erromanga. The early history of one of those teachers has been listened to with deep interest by many friends in this country; and, with a view to instruct and to encourage the young people in our schools and churches, I have been requested to give its details here.

* "Gems from the Coral Islands. By the Rev. W. Gill." London: Ward & Co.