

could carry away, both of mission and of personal property. They also broke into my Aneiteum teachers' house, and stole all it contained. They next made a rush at our house, firing muskets and howling fearfully. A chief called me to the window, professing great kindness, but instantly sent his axe through it, calling to all, "Come and kill them now." I said, "God will punish you for such bad conduct, and if you kill me, a man-of-war will punish you;" but he said, "It's all lies about a man-of-war," and instantly hundreds of muskets were presented at me, when again the chief cried, "Come on, let us all kill him," and aimed to strike his axe into my forehead; but on observing a revolver in my hand, he fell back and said something to the people, who instantly lay down for a few minutes, and then all fled for the nearest bush, where they kept howling and showing their firearms; and by this means God preserved our lives till about five p.m., when they all left.

I then went to see Miaki and Nauka, who professed great friendship, and seemed sorry at what had taken place: but assured me they would not return to-morrow, as they had given them a large present to do me no more injury; but our friends said the present was given to encourage them to kill us, steal our property, and burn our houses. Miaki said, "Missi, where was Jehovah to-day? There was no Jehovah to-day, to protect you. It's all lies about Jehovah. They all came to kill you, and Abraham and his wife, and to cut your bodies into small pieces so that they might send you to be cooked and eaten at every village on Tana." I said, "If such was your design, surely God has prevented you and them from doing so, and protected me, or I would not have been here; and rest assured God will punish such wickedness." He said, in great wrath, "Where is Jehovah? Where was Jehovah to-day? There was no Jehovah to-day; and we have given up all fear of a man-of-war. The man-of-war dare not punish us, just as they durst not punish the Erromangans for killing Missi Gordon the man, and Missi Gordon the woman. We have no fear of a man-of-war now. His punishment is all lies; he will talk to us, that's all. And the Inikahi and Kasirumini people are resolved to kill and cook you; but I tell you the truth they will not return to-morrow." I now offered to conduct worship, when, after consulting Nauka, Miaki called all the people present to come near and sit quietly till after worship, when he appeared a little subdued, and professed great friendship. He said, "Missi, if a man-of-war had punished us for stealing from you long ago, this would not have taken place. I say it would be good for them to come and punish such bad conduct. Nauka, and I love you, Missi. They killed your Aneiteum teacher, Namuri; they broke into your house twice, and stole your property: they killed your dog and your goats, and were not punished, and now they will kill you, and steal all your things. I speak the truth; mind this is the talk of all Tana. We killed foreigners, and Samoan teachers, and Aneiteum teachers, and were not punished, just like the Erromangans; and now we all say the punishment of a man-of-war is lies, and if he comes here we will fight him and take the vessel." I said, "Remember such punishment can only reach the body, and that for a short time; but Jehovah's punishment will reach both soul and body, in time and in eternity." Again he answered, "What is the odds about Jehovah's punishment? He was not here to protect you to-day, or to punish those who stole your things and broke into your house. Where was your Jehovah to-day?" I answered, "Our Jehovah is in heaven, and he is present here, and has heard all your talk, and knows your hearts towards me, and my heart and talk towards you, and will reward or punish us accordingly." We left with heavy hearts; for, from his inconsistent manner of speaking and acting, we found he was deceiving us. On my way I conducted worship with a large gathering of people at another village. I now sent Abraham to see Nowar, who, in trying to protect us, had got an arrow into his knee, which broke, leaving the barbed point in his knee, so that he was lame. He also was blamed for making the hurricane; and when he came to intercede for us, a host of men rushed on him, but his young men surrounded him, wounded two of the enemy, and saved his life. He sent a canoe with Abraham, and advised us to take some of our property to his house during the night, and he would try to protect it, as Nauka, Miaki, and Karewick were deceiving us, and had hired all our enemies "to return to-morrow, to kill Missi and steal all his property." Therefore, towards morning I got a few things which I