

who could preach before intelligent and polite audiences, perhaps as well as the other could do. But their resentment soon gave way to pity, "Poor young thing," they said, "as she gets older she'll get wiser and less vain. She'll soon find that the breeze of colonial popularity, though it may blow fresher at first, does not blow so steadily as the trade-winds." This young lady's opinion is by no means an uncommon one; and certain it is, that men of little mind and little moral power will soon be lost and buried alive among the islands, as they will be so anywhere; but men of the intellectual and moral calibre of Carey and Judson, Williams and Moffat, Livingstone and Selwyn, can be lost or buried nowhere; place them where you may, the world will soon become aware of their existence; they will soon make themselves to be felt, and heard, and seen.

There are five mission vessels in the South Seas. The finest barque that sails in the Pacific is the mission barque, the "John Williams;" the finest brig that sails in the South Seas is the mission brig, the "John Wesley;" the finest, tiniest little schooner that sails among the isles of Melanesia, is the mission schooner, the "John Knox." It is needless to say to what societies these three vessels respectively belong; their names at once indicate their connexion. The "Morning Star," the American Mission vessel, is pronounced by one of the Micronesian missionaries to be a beauty. Bishop Selwyn has had several vessels. His first one, the "Undine," was a small, tight craft, a kind of water sprite; but found to be too small. In 1850, his friends in Sydney generously presented him with a thousand pounds, with which he bought, first the "Border Maid," and afterwards the "Southron Cross," a fine vessel, admirably fitted up for his purpose; but which was wrecked in a storm last year on the coast of New Zealand. It is fondly hoped that he, or his successor, will soon be supplied with another, in every way equally well adapted for the service.

Another hopeful feature in the South Sea missions is the interest that has been awakened in their behalf in the Australasian colonies. In 1850, the Episcopal Mission Board was formed in Sydney, which has largely supported Bishop Selwyn's Mission. Several years ago the Congregationalists

and others formed an auxiliary to the London Missionary Society in Australia, and guaranteed to support two missionaries on the Loyalty Islands. Some time ago the Wesleyans in those colonies were formed into a new conference, and left to manage their own affairs themselves. The Wesleyan Missions, supported at an expense of about £8000 a year, were placed under their direction, and they now contribute largely for their support. The Presbyterians in New Zealand have for several years contributed liberally to the support of the Aneityum Mission; and they are now prepared to support a missionary in the New Hebrides, as soon as a suitable man can be found. There is a feeling among some good but narrow-minded people, that the colonists are very little better, if not somewhat worse, than the heathen themselves. No doubt there are many godless, worthless, wicked people in our colonies, just as there are here at home. But they know little of our colonies who would set them all down as such. In all the Australasian colonies there is a large and daily increasing body of intelligent, pious, and public-spirited men and women, who are putting forth vigorous efforts to secure the public ordinances of religion, and the means of education for themselves, their families, and the community at large; who feel a deep and growing interest in the missions to the South Seas, and who look upon those missions as having special claims upon them. And there can be little doubt that, before very long, the South Sea Missions will be chiefly supported by the different churches in the Australasian colonies.

The visits of Her Majesty's ships of war to those islands, during the last twelve or fourteen years, have been productive of much good. They have repressed those outrages perpetrated upon the natives by the worst class of sea-faring men. They have prevented massacres by the natives, and rendered both life and property more secure, and have inspired the natives with confidence in the British Government.—They feel that it is at once just, kind, and powerful. All the missionaries bear unrestrained testimony to the kindness, courtesy, and gentlemanly character of the captains and officers of Her Majesty's ships that have visited the South Sea Islands. To understand the object of those visits, and