

letter of which the following is a translation, is one of the seventeen boarders under A. R. Muirhead's care, and is training for the sacred office of a preacher to his countrymen:—

"I have already, for several years, been receiving my teacher's instructions. From my early youth I have enjoyed many mercies, but especially have been made acquainted with the Way of Life, the method of redemption from sin, and clearly understand my duty in regard to it. I am aware of the sinfulness of my condition, the vanity of earthly things, the nearness of death, the certainty of retribution, either eternal happiness or eternal misery, one or other of which awaits me. The Lord says there is a day coming when everything shall be dissolved, and I shall be judged in His immediate presence. Reflecting on my own state, it seems that during the brief space of a single day my shortcomings are very many; how innumerable, then, must they have been during my own lifetime of eighteen years in this perishable world! But I have listened to the instructions of my teacher and know that Jesus is able to save, that God is able to pardon, and that the Holy Ghost is able to influence my heart. I have attentively studied all this, and been led to understand the true doctrine, and sincerely and spiritually to pray to God. For how dare I seek to adorn myself in any mere way of empty show, which is positively sinful in the sight of the Great Ruler on high. Last year I received the ordinance of baptism, and therefore ought all through life to glorify God, that I may hope to ascend to Heaven when I die. I only desire that this doctrine may always dwell in my heart, that the Holy Spirit may ever affect my mind, and that actively and daily I may increase in all that is good. May my thoughts not be mixed up with the corrupt customs of the world, and my feelings and inclinations not fall into the snares of the wicked one. May God grant me His exceeding grace, and aid me by His boundless goodness, that, while I live, I may reflect glory on His name, seek to spread abroad the saving mercy of our Lord, and enjoy happiness in the world to come!" *Church of Scotland Juv. Miss. Record.*

### THE YOUNG SAMOAN TEACHER.

THE Island of Upolu is one of the most beautiful and fertile in the South Seas. Its lofty mountains, which run along its whole length, are covered with thick woods, having lovely streams running between them.

In 1840 nearly the whole of its population had embraced Christianity; but a few tribes still clung to their heathen ideas and practices.