

his heart. Two passages in particular had struck him, "*God so loved the world,*" John 3: 16. and "*Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners,*" 1. Tim. 1: 15. He could not cease thinking and speaking of this love. And it had penetrated the heart of many a one who heard him. Again they must visit the white man. They were hungry for his words, they wished to be filled. The Spirit of the Lord drew the poor sinners. So they came and remained a long time. At length they took their departure with many wishes that Moffat would visit both them and the many who were not able to go after the saving word, but who nevertheless hungered after it just as much.—"Look at me," said Moschen, "deny me if you can!" Who could resist such entreaty? Moffat did go and preached the Gospel among them with the happiest effect. Moschen became a truly devoted Christian, and in the severe trial of the last Caffre war stood firm.

THE BEGGAR OF RARATONGA.

Matt. 5: 3. "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven."

On Raratonga there lived a poor man named Buteva, lamed by disease both in the hands and feet. He once crept to Williams on his knees as he was passing his residence, in the middle of the road, and cried out; "Welcome servant of God, who has brought the light into this land of darkness; to thee we owe the news of redemption." Upon Williams' asking what he knew of the word Redemption, he replied, "I know about Jesus Christ who has come into the world to save sinners." Upon further inquiry he answered: "I know that he is the Son of God, and that he died on the cross as the lamb of God, to pay a ransom for the sins of all men that their souls might be saved and go to heaven." Williams asked him whether all people went to heaven after death. "O no!" he answered. "Only they who believe in Jesus Christ, who put away their sins to pray to God." "Then do you pray?" "Yes indeed! I pray very often in the day, and morning and evening besides with my wife and child." The missionary asked him what he said in his prayer. He answered: "I say O Lord! I am a great sinner, may Jesus take my sins away through his precious blood. Give me the righteousness of Christ that it may adorn me, and give me the Holy Spirit that he may guide me, and make my heart good, and I may become a man of God and go to heaven when I die." "But whence did you gain your knowledge?" asked Williams. "Only from you. Who else but you has brought us the message of salvation?" "Yes, but I do not remember ever having seen you at any of our stations, where you might have heard the word of God from me." "Well!

I will tell you. When the people came back from worship, then I sat down by the road on my bench and begged a word of them as they passed by. One would give me one portion, another, another: then I gathered them up in my heart, and when I revolved them in my mind and prayed to God for light I understood a little of his word."

A BLIND ONE WHO LEARNS TO SEE.

Acts 26: 18, "To open their eyes and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that may receive forgiveness of sins and inheritance among them that are sanctified by faith that is in me."

An old idolater upon Huahine, the last priest of the fearful god of war, Oro, had long withstood the Gospel and refused to acknowledge the sanctity of the Sabbath, even after the former had been received by his countrymen, and the latter had been enjoined by the authorities for the whole island. Upon a certain Sabbath, in utter contempt of the day, he went forth into his garden to work. As he returned home he became suddenly blind. Distracted with fear he cried out, "I am a dead man—a dead man!" His neighbours came running in great confusion to his aid, but human help was unavailing. An invisible hand lay upon him and had forever closed his eyes to the light. But the same hand which had deprived him of the sight of the body opened the eyes of the understanding. His conscience convinced him that this misfortune was a judgment of God, for his stubborn opposition to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. He bowed himself to the earth, lamented his sins, confessed them, renounced idolatry and received the gospel of Christ with joy.

PREACHING THE JUDGMENT.

Heb. 4: 12. "For the word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

Missionary Crowther had preached to a number of his hearers in Abbeokuta upon the day of Judgment. Some of them had assembled together at midnight in their sacred grove to perform the customary heathen rites for a deceased friend. Their feelings have been much excited by the sermon. One said to the other, "Begin," and the word "Begin" went around the whole circle, but no one would begin. At last said one, "What will we have to say on the day of judgment when God judges all men!—Can we say the earth called us to worship, or the stones called us to worship, or the woods called us to worship? What shall we have to answer before the sight of God on the last day?" With that they left the sacred grove, left the ceremonies undone,