

Preserver; secondly, through the instructions I have had from the Schoolmaster I have already mentioned, and from Messrs. MEXNERT and POULIER, and subsequently from Mr. M'KENNY.

"It is only a few weeks since I took my leave of my temple for ever; and since then, still wearing my robes, I have resided with Mr. POULIER, the Assistant Missionary, with whom I have daily united in Christian worship; and I now come openly, in the presence of this congregation, and declare all these things. I lay aside my robes, and as an humble learner of the right way, take my place among you; and the prayer of my heart to the God Omnipotent is, that, as I rejoice in embracing this faith, all other heathens also may be brought to this knowledge through the Saviour."

"The priest then retired, and in a short time returned to the Chapel, and took his seat, dressed as a respectable Singhalese man. Brother ROBERTS then closed the service with a short address to this new convert, and to the Singhalese people present; and such was the effect produced, that, long as I have been in the country, I have seen nothing to exceed it.

"The Terrumansé is of the highest caste, and well learned; he is about thirty years of age, and a little above the middle size. He is now employed as the Singhalese teacher of our Cultura School, which appointment is an excellent test of his humility; and I am glad to see that he enters properly into his work, without any reference to his former priestly honours.

"After he had left his temple, and placed himself under our protection against the insults of the enraged Budhists, his sincerity and decision were put to a severe test. In the first place, he was waited on by a deputation of priests, with the aged high priest at their head, who had been his former master and instructor, and for whom he has always had a great esteem. They urged every inducement and argument they could possibly think of, to prevail upon him to return to his temple, but all was in vain! He assured them that he had from conviction taken the step he had, and that he was immovably fixed in his resolution to persevere. When importunity could not prevail, his old acquaintance endeavoured to frighten him into a compliance with their wishes, and intimated that if he persevered in his determination of leaving them they would take his life. But all these things had only the effect of showing him more clearly the unsoundness of the system he had abandoned. Some of the people of this village said, that if they had him in their power they would kill him by scraping him to pieces with their nails! But why do the heathen so furiously rage and the people imagine a vain thing? for the glorious Gospel of God our Saviour must and will prevail."

SOUTH SEA MISSIONS.

"The Missions in New South Wales and Van Diemen's Land continue to maintain the ordinances of religion, and, in some encouraging degree, to spread their influence among the settlers and convict population of those rising and important Colonies. The number of Circuits is four, and of Stations regularly visited by the Brethren 14; thus comprising a principal part of the settlements. The number of Schools is 10; and the active part taken by several of our friends in conducting them, promises to render them a means of much moral good. On the application of the Lieutenant-Governor of Van Diemen's Land, two Missionaries have been voted by the Committee for two of the Convict Settlements in that country. One has already sailed to engage in this arduous but useful sphere of labour; and the