

true to friends and foes—we must suffer submissively—labour diligently—walk humbly with God and before men—deny ourselves—pray without ceasing—and in all things make God's glory our chief end. Thus shall we be “changed into the same image” while still in a world of sin, and thus shall we rejoice when He appears, for then shall our highest hopes be more than realized, for we SHALL BE LIKE HIM.

### LATE INTELLIGENCE FROM THE SOUTH SEAS.

The last January mail brought a large number of letters from our Missionaries, the principal of which we insert in our present No. These letters have been anxiously looked for, and now that they have arrived, they afford matter of devout and hearty thanksgiving to the God of missions, for the gratifying intelligence that they contain.—The New Hebrides Mission has had its dark days, and our pages within the last few years have carried many a message of sorrow. But now it would appear as if the many prayers of the church have been heard, that the clouds were passing away and a brighter day was beginning to dawn. At all events these letters bring before the church much that calls for gratitude to God. In fact it is with a single exception a record of mercies. In the first place, what reason have we for thanksgiving for the successful voyage of our missionaries in the Dayspring. They have been carried thousands of miles over dangerous seas and yet have met with no accident whatever. Captain Fraser however mentions that he narrowly escaped shipwreck on the island of Lifu. God would thus teach us upon whom that vessel, as well as all our lives is daily dependent and admonishes us that we trust not to the skill of her captain and crew or the excellence of her equipments, but earnestly seek the protection of Him, who commands the winds and the sea and they obey Him. Now that the Dayspring has arrived we have reason for gratitude, that an agency so important has been added to the New Hebrides mission. At the latest dates, she had made two trips

among the islands, one of enquiry as to the most suitable place for the location of the missionaries, the second for the settlement of Messrs Morrison and Gordon. She was then engaged on her third voyage and expected to make another before leaving for Sydney in December. Whether we look to the comfort and safety of the missionaries and native teachers, or the success of their work, we can scarcely estimate too highly the value of such an agency.

But especially have we reason for gratitude for the encouraging circumstances in which our missionaries have been settled, and commenced their labours. We are sure that thousands of hearts will rejoice that Erromanga and Dillon's Bay too, has been occupied by Mr. Gordon, and this in no foolishly spirit, but under circumstances so strongly indicative of the guidance of Providence, and the smiles of the great head of the church. The Rev. George Gordon's labours have not been in vain, and whom would we desire to see reaping the fruits of the seed sown by him with such toil, and watered with his tears and prayers and even with his blood, rather than his own brother. The scenes witnessed by our missionaries, 140 attending public worship over 20 giving evidence of having passed from death to life, and churches being built in various parts of the island, are such as angels must rejoice over.

Scarcely less pleasing are the scenes on Fate. To think of the inhabitants of one district having relinquished idolatry and a church of sixty members gathered, and this solely by the agency of native teachers, gives us reason to say “what hath God wrought.” Similar results took place on Savage Island. There the inhabitants were considered the most savage of the South Seas. Yet through the same agency, they in a body had abandoned heathenism before a missionary had ever lived among them, and were eagerly waiting for further instruction in Christianity. On our pages we have formerly without deliberation inserted statements depreciating such an agency—statements which their authors have since regretted. Of course their imperfections are acknowledged, but yet their value has been felt in every mission