

Gospel to other lands. Dr. Geddie in his last Report, tells us of the liberality of our dear young sister church in Aneiteum. Converts continuo to go forth as teachers, and give themselves as an offering to the Lord in the noblest of all causes. Those that abide at home give liberally of their substance, according to their means. Even in a financial point of view the Gospel "pays." The goodly tree planted on lovely isles strikes its roots into the soil and yields fruit for the healing of other and still more distant and desolate lands.

REMARKABLE TRIUMPH OF CHRISTIANITY.—Our news from Madagascar are as cheering as any that have ever gladdened the hearts of God's people since the day of Pentecost. The Queen of that noble Isle obeyed the Gospel publicly about a year ago. In September last she ordered that the Royal Idols and the Temple which contained them should be destroyed. A chief Secretary of State, with other officials, was sent, with authority from the Prime Minister, to see that this work was thoroughly done. They seized the idol's house, gathered wood, made a fire, and ordered the contents of the temple to be brought forth. The burning is thus described:—First, the long cane carried before the idol in procession was thrown in; then twelve bullocks' horns, from which incense or holy water had been sprinkled; then three scarlet umbrellas and the silk robe worn over the idol by the keeper who carried it. Then came the idol's case—the trunk of a small tree hollowed and fitted with a cover; and last of all, the idol itself. Hardly any of the present generation had seen the god, and great was the surprise when he was produced. Two pieces of scarlet silk about three feet long and three inches wide, with a small piece of wood about as big as a man's thumb inserted in the middle between them, so that the silk formed, as it were, two wings, was the great god of Madagascar, whose touch was sanctifying, and whose nearness was preservative. "You cannot burn him, he is a god," said the people. "If he is a god, he will not burn," said the officers; "we are going to try;" and held it on a stick in the fire, that the people might see it as it was consumed. The victory was complete. Next day four other idols shared the same fate, and the rest followed. One was a little bag of sand; another consisted of three round pieces of wood united by a silver chain. The people looked on in wonder, and when the process was over, seeing that they had now no gods to worship they sent to the Queen to ask what they were to worship for the future. The Government thereupon appealed to the native Christians to send Christian teachers, and

they at once responded. It was found that of two hundred and eighty towns and villages in Imerina, one hundred and twenty already had Christian churches, and teachers were at once found for all the rest.

Madagascar, a few years ago, was the scene of a most cruel persecution. Its soil is well baptized with the blood of martyrs. Thank God that the Gospel is now almost universally triumphant from end to end of the island.

The principles of religious toleration were stated clearly if not well understood, by the Fathers before the Council of Nice. Christianity was in nowise identified with persecution till the hierarchy raised its proud head and began to grasp at political power. When the church came under the dark grim shadow of Romanism, it forgot to a large extent the rights of conscience, and only of late years and in Protestant countries have the true principles of toleration come to be understood. "God alone is Lord of the Conscience."

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