



A SANDWICH ISLAND IDOL.

thought she would show her people that Pele was no true God, and could harm no one; so she started to walk to the volcano, saying she was going to dare the goddess to do her worst. Every one was very much frightened, and thought she would certainly be destroyed, and they tried to persuade her not to go; but she kept right on, even when the prophetess of Pele met her and told her she would certainly perish. She picked some of the berries near the crater which were sacred to Pele and ate them; and, in company with one of the missionaries who had joined her, she walked a little way into the crater, and said to the people who had followed her to see what would happen: "If I perish by the anger of Pele, then you may fear the power of Pele; but if I trust in Jehovah, and he shall save me from the wrath of Pele, then you must fear and serve the Lord Jehovah." Then they sang a hymn and prayed to God, and feared Pele no longer.

But I haven't told you yet how the missionaries came to go to these far-away islands. It all came about through a Sandwich Island boy, Obbookiah. He had seen his father and mother and brother all killed in a war, and he was very lonely and very glad to say yes, when an American captain invited him to come to America in his ship.

He was seventeen years old, but he didn't know how to read, or how to do much of anything else. He went to the captain's home in New Haven, and when he saw the boys in America all learning so much more than himself, he sat down on the steps of Yale College and cried. Just then a kind gentleman passed by, and he stopped and spoke to Obkooiah; and when he found out how much he wanted to learn, he found a home for him where the people were willing to teach him. And they taught him not only reading and writing and arithmetic, but they taught him about God, and about our Saviour, Jesus Christ; and Obbookiah gave his heart to Christ, and made up his mind that as soon as he finished going to school, he would go back to his islands, and tell the people what he had learned.

But before that time came, he was taken very sick, and when he found out



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