

murder of Timothy had arrested, the building of a house. The lime has been burnt, the foundation is built and now early in July the frame is erected. On the same day the "King Oscar," anchors in Pango Bay, and sends ashore a native well loaded with the kind of property most attractive to barbarians. The bait takes. Going to Queen's land to work on cotton plantations seems the royal road to fortune, and on Monday morning, the King Oscar weighs anchor, and carried with her nearly all the young men and lads of Erakor. Here was a great blow and heavy discouragement! "Those on whom we were spending our strength, those who were the future hope of the Gospel on Fate were lured away beyond our reach, and I left, with a work on hand, without the accomplishment of which, we could not well remain at our post, and for the accomplishment of which no adequate strength remained." The trial was great, and the most suitable close may thus be given—But our Missionary encouraged himself in the Lord his God.

#### VISIT OF M. M. S. FALCON.

We pass by the visit of the Falcon and Captain Blake, bearing Her Majesty's commission to inquire into the conduct of the men of Emel and of Eموير, for outrages committed on British vessels, interesting as that visit was, with these observations that the Captain showed deep interest in the Mission, acted with great deliberation and care, found on inquiry there were injuries sustained by Fatcans, and charges of outrages preferred against his own countrymen, which caused him to pause and to report before inflicting any punishment. At the same time, at another place, when they defied his authority and refused any satisfaction or acknowledgement, he shelled their village, and some lives were lost.

#### FAILING HEALTH OF MR. MORRISON.

Scene the third however is the most disastrous. Mr. Morrison has been over to Aneiteum to the Mission Council, and has returned with seven christian Aneiteumese to finish his house. He is troubled with a slight epidemic cough, by exposure this is aggravated, and the result is acute inflammation of the right lung, slight at first, but becoming ere long very serious. He perseveres, being anxious to have the house finished, and at length it is completed outside, but Mr. M. is completely prostrated, and unable to do any work, either mental or physical. Thus he continued becoming weaker, with heavy night perspirations and unable even to give a text to his native exhorters, until with the full approval of the brethren he left in the Dayspring last fall for Sydney, leaving Mr. Neilson in charge of his station.

#### PROGRESS IN FATE.

Before following our brother to Sydney, let us note what remains to be recorded, respecting the progress of christianity in Fate. Evangelistic efforts beyond the village of Erakor were greatly hindered by the troubles referred to, for the Erakor people could not visit neighbouring villages with safety; nor could Mr. M. go safely without them. To parties of heathens who came in, the Missionary spoke of the true God, the only Saviour and great Salvation.

The Emil people feel thankful to the Missionaries Mr. Morrison and Mr. Cosh, that they escaped punishment, and seem disposed to receive the agents of the Church of Christ. In Havannah Harbour there were found openings for 4 teachers, but the men who might have gone hither had been lured away, and had disappeared. Four came over in these circumstances from Aneiteum, and though deficient in the Fatean tongue, Mr. M. left them with Ru, a Rarotongan teacher to do what he could.

In Pango Rev. Mr. Cosh's station, the truth is spreading, though troubles have retarded the work, proceeding from social evils, arising out of the traffic in natives, already referred to, which the Missionaries have united in representing to the public authorities in the Australian Colonies as an injustice and a fraud. In Pango there are 17 adult members, who built during last year a new Church, and aided Mr. Cosh with his dwelling house.

The year on Fate has its animating features, beyond our anticipations. A contribution was made of 15 gallons of cocoa nut oil, by the people of Erakor, the proceeds of which, Mr. M. applied to the funds of the British and Foreign Bible Society as an acknowledgement of their kindness in publishing the Gospel of Mark 18 months ago. Mr. M. had it in his heart to put the Gospel of Matthew through the press this last season, but his strength was not adequate to the task. A small Hymn Book, however, with the ten Commandments and the Lord's prayer was prepared and published at Melbourne, and the expense of the edition of 600 copies met by friends in Victoria.

#### ATTENDANCE ON ORDINANCES.

In Erakor too it is most gratifying to learn "that the attendance on religious ordinances has been very regular, and the School well attended; all the inhabitants in the village, the younger children excepted being on the roll. Then it is added, that the conduct of church members has been encouraging, that if there have been on the part of some, occasional outbreaks, at variance with their christian profession and with their conduct at other times, there are many on the other hand whose even course of christian conduct is more than one would