

them in intemperance, debauchery, idleness, and all kinds of vice; nearly sufficient of themselves to counteract all the labours of the Missionaries in the diffusion of morality and religion." Yet, notwithstanding these and other obstacles, the triumphs of Christianity are spreading widely among these now happy isles; and the most delightful pictures of the glorious change produced by the gospel, may be seen in Ellis's *Polynesian Researches*, Tyerman and Bennet's *Journal*, and other authentic records.

When Christianity was sent to the Georgian and Society Islands, attempts were made to introduce it also at the Marquesas and the Friendly Isles: these attempts proved abortive, and three Missionaries were murdered at Tongataboo, during the civil wars occasioned by the Feenous. But, of late years, the gospel has been successfully planted in the Friendly Isles, by the Wesleyan Missionaries, who have promising stations at Tongataboo, the Hapae Isles, and the Vavaoo group; and are extending their labours to the Feejees. The mission to the Marquesas has been renewed by the London Society, with pleasing prospects of success; while the Samoas, or Navigators Isles, and part of the Feejees, are also brought within the sphere of their operations.

The introduction of Christianity into New Zealand, has already been noticed (pp. 68, 72, 73): the success of the Church and Wesleyan Missionaries there, encourages the hope, that it will soon cease to be a land of cannibals and savages.

The Sandwich Islands, presenting another interesting field of philanthropic labour, have been occupied with great effect by the American Missionaries, since 1820. It is remarkable, that in