

and you may suppose that his influence over them was very bad. For some time, indeed, this man, after he became convinced that he was a sinner, did not truly receive the Gospel. But at length he gave proof that the light had shined into his heart. By his prayers, his earnest desire to understand the Word of God, his fear of doing what was wrong, and his endeavours to bring others to love and serve the Saviour, he made it plain that he had become a new creature. In describing the great change to the missionary, he said, "The Word of God first lived in my head, but now *it live in my heart.*" Soon after his conversion he tried to bring a friend, called Tiba, to Jesus, and there was reason to hope that God gave him the desire of his heart. Speaking one day to the missionary, he said that he thought the Word was beginning to live in Tiba's heart. "He," said Hyano, "passes all other men in town for hear God's palaver. He come look my house all times for me teach him."

But the heathen were angry when they saw what a great change there was in Hyano, and they made him pay a heavy fine, because, as they said, his wife had gathered some palm nuts upon forbidden ground. But he paid the fine without a murmur, and when asked by some one where he would get money to buy food, as the fine had taken away his little all, he said he would pray to God, who would give him what he wanted.

At first Hyano wished to remove from the heathen town where he lived to a Christian village which had been formed by the missionaries, but when he was told that, by staying where he was, he might do more good, he willingly did so. And now, upon the very spot where he had formerly kept his idols and performed his devil-worship, he set up a family altar, and there, with Tiba and his own wife, he called upon the name of the Lord. Not long after this, another woman, who appeared to be one of the least hopeful in the town, joined herself to these disciples. And when the missionary on one occasion asked Hyano if this woman came to evening worship as regularly as before, "Yes," he said, "she come at all times—s'pose she come home from work too late, she come look my house and ask me to pray to God one more time. Yuwa love God's Word more than her dailly food." And this poor African in her turn became a missionary, and brought another aged friend to hear the Gospel, who soon afterwards showed that she had not heard it in vain.

Hyano now became a very faithful witness for Christ,