

instruction, if the smallest opportunity offered. After my ordinary inquiry, what they would please to purchase? their answer was, they had no money. I observed next, that they lived far from the means of grace, and certainly would not hear the Gospel often. The goodman, learning by this that I was a Protestant, answered me so as to persuade me he was the same. For he said they often got sermon from Mr. Pidgeon, the former Presbyterian minister at St. Peter's. I said I thought it must have been seldom that he had come that way, and that they must be fully as destitute as the Wood Islanders. I then repeated the substance of all that I had taught these people, as formerly narrated, and pressed them, in the most earnest manner, to erect a Sabbath school, in order to make their children acquainted with the Scriptures in early life. "Oh!" said I, "if you allow your children to grow up unacquainted with the oracles of truth, which alone are able to make them wise unto salvation, you will lose them all, *and the Roman Catholics will gain them all over to their faith and practice.*" "We mean to learn them to read," he replied, "and when they grow up they may read the Bible if they think proper." "This, I fear," said I, "will be ruinous to your children. For if they are not made acquainted with the word of God in their youth, they may never be inclined to read it when old; and if they live and die unacquainted with his word, they must remain also unacquainted with Christ, and the way of salvation through him. How then can they be saved?" His wife, who till now had listened to what was said, observed rather jocularly, "That they could get no preaching in the Protestant way, and that she was determined to turn Roman Catholic, and try what preaching she could get among them." "Well," said I, "what better will you be to go to them? I never heard any of their sermons, but I have heard

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