

strengthened David's when he needed encouragement. Your example will kindle others; and when the whole Church, or any large portion of it, gets into line, facing Christ, facing their pastor to encourage him, facing the impenitent to persuade them to become Christians, and facing every duty before them—then a *revival has begun*. What a happy New Year God will give you!

WHAT A CHANGE.

At a recent meeting of the London Religious Tract Society, Rev. J. Calvert, of Fiji, said:

Of the 220 islands of the Fiji group, 80 were inhabited, that the people were a fine race, no thick lips or curly hair, with good houses, canoes and fishing nets, and carried on various manufactures; but this people had been so left to themselves and to the demons that possessed them that they became very vile. Infanticide was very prevalent, and polygamy, that source of immense evil, and especially cannibalism. After the missionaries arrived they had known of a hundred human beings being cooked at one time, and one man who had put aside a stone for every human body of which he had eaten a part, was found to have eaten of 872 persons in the course of his life. But those who took the Gospel to them never had any doubt with regard to its power. They had preached and circulated the Word of God, and he had confirmed His word by signs following. As soon as any of the natives were converted they were set to work, and now there were 1,240 churches and other preaching places.

They had never more than 10 or 12 white missionaries working there, but the people had worked for their own countrymen. There were 51 native ministers ordained or on trial for ordination, 32 catechists and 1,070 native teachers, and these were mainly supported by the people themselves. They had 25,000 church members, and 4,500 on trial under the care of 3,000 class-leaders; 41,000 children were in the schools, the number of which was 1,700, and were taught by 2,900 native school teachers.

When the doctrine that Christ "bare the sin of many" is left out of the gospel, it becomes "another gospel," and has no longer any power to sanctify and save the soul.

BEGIN AT HOME.

A slovenly carpenter was once heard at a weekly prayer-meeting to pray with great fervency for the spread of Christ's cause—a cause which he disgraced and hindered in his sphere every time he stood at his work-bench. When he ended his prayer a hearty "Amen!" came from a servant who put her mistress out of temper a hundred times a day by her carelessness.

A clerk also was there who, although he taught a class in the mission-school on Sunday, was always late at his employer's store on week-days. He whispered "Amen!" too, and meant it, so far as he knew himself.

A lady hearer, as she listened, resolved to join the church missionary society, and then went home and found unreasonable fault with her cook. And others also felt warned to do something for Christ; who never seemed to have thought that religion, like charity, begins at home. The mechanic who is powerful in class-meeting, and weak at his trade, is no credit to the profession he makes. The servant who drops tears feelingly at religious services, and drops dishes unfeelingly in the kitchen, has her tenderness altogether on one side. And it is a poor kind of religion which seeks opportunities to set others straight, but overlooks its own crookedness.—*Sunday School Times*.

GOOD NEWS FROM CONGO.

Recent tidings from the Congo mission encourage the belief that the early successes of the Karen mission in Burmah, and the wonderful revival among the Te'ugus in India, are about to be repeated on the Congo. After eight years of labor and the sacrifice of many precious lives, the people are beginning to accept the gospel in large numbers. At Banza Manteke more than a thousand have been converted. Rev. Henry Richards, the missionary in charge, writes:—"The glorious fact is this, that Banza Manteke is no longer a heathen country, but more Christian than any I am acquainted with. The 'Ukimba,' the poison-giving, the throat cutting, the demoniacal yells, the diabolical yells and witchcraft are things of the past here. Old things have passed away, and behold all things have become new. Now this part of Ethiopia stretches out its hands to God and sends out its heart to Him in thanksgiving and praise."—*Sel*