

presence of the "great congregation," and, with tremulous voices, professed their belief in God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one Jehovah. This ended, we administered the "outward and visible sign," after which many of their children were given to God in baptism. May they be "a seed to serve him!" Amen.

12th.—We have lost a member of our English class this week by death, and have good hope of him. His name was William Singleton; he was one of the number who was spared when the Port-au-Prince was cut off at this place, and had lived more than twenty-six years among these islands, and for the far greater number of those years as the natives themselves; but had for some time paid attention to the things which made for his peace, and has, I believe, died in the faith of the Gospel. We visited and prayed with him frequently, and he manifested great earnestness, though the subject of distressing pain. I asked the natives who were with him when he died, what were his last words, and was informed that they were these,—("Okua u lus man kia Jisu Kalaisi. I believe firmly in Christ.") During the week I have been employed in translating the book of Daniel.

June 1st.—A week of considerable excitement and application is now closing its account with me until the great day. In conjunction with my colleague, I have been attempting to disperse Christ's gracious kingdom in this group of islands. We have sent Stephen to Foa, a neighbouring island, to superintend the schools and lead the classes; he is, as far as we can judge, an excellent man. Having been disappointed in our efforts to procure one of excellent promise for a more remote island; we have been obliged to remove a young man, named Enoch, from an island in which he has been

labouring for some time; and he will proceed in a few days to Nomuka, an island possessing a population of about three hundred souls, and capable of supporting as many thousands; but the horrid war that raged some twenty-five years ago almost depopulated the entire group, comprehended under the denomination, "Friendly Islands." Many of them are without a single inhabitant. Christianity will rectify this evil also; and we are anxious to diffuse it. Our Chief still deserves the title, "Champion of the Faith," in these realms. He yesterday assembled the Teachers, in consequence of our having had some difficulty in procuring suitable Teachers for two places, exhorted them against supineness, and told them that the conduct of some of them was like allowing their wisdom to sleep. Some stood reproved, and the zealous had their zeal fresh fired. With the young man who succeeds Enoch, I was much pleased. In conversing with me, he said, "It is true, I possess a house and a large field, but I will leave them immediately, if I can do the work of the Lord." His name is Abraham.

30th.—On the twenty-seventh instant, I read and remarked upon 1 Tim. i. 18, and had considerable liberty. On the evening of Thursday, I visited one of those outcasts of men, a leper, and was much affected by his appearance. He, of necessity, lives alone; none daring to go very near him. He earnestly desired to meet in class, but this could not be permitted; the natives shudder at the idea of the infection. One of our Class Leaders, (Moses by name), a very zealous young man, visits and instructs him occasionally, though self-preservation compels him to sit at a distance. He desires to be baptized; and does know something of Jesus, who cleansed the leper by his word. May his soul be cleansed from "the foul unbred leprosy of sin!"

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