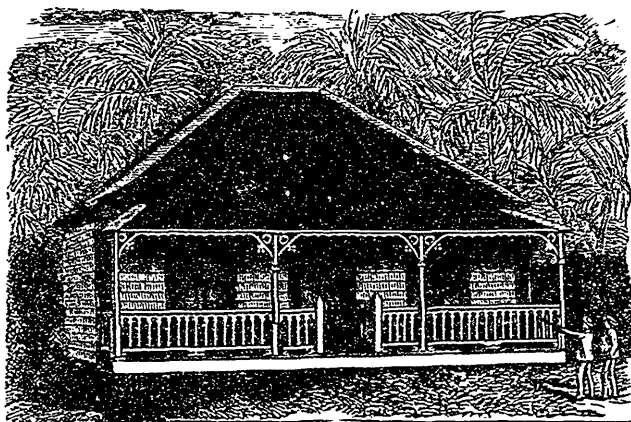


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OW great a matter a little fire kindleth. This saying is strikingly illustrated in the history of Methodist Missions in Fiji. On the 8th of October, 1835, a small band of Wesleyan missionaries and their families, in the schooner *Blackbird*, reached the scene of their future labours, the island of Lakemba, in the Fiji group. As seen from the deck of the schooner, the island appeared to be surrounded by a continuous coral reef. The sea

* Condensed from his "History of Wesleyan Missions."