

to cut down the tall trees, but to grub up, in their own expressive language, all the small fibre, that there might not be a relic of Christianity that should spread in the country, Christianity has continued to extend, and to extend in a greater degree than in any missionary field in which the labourers have been permitted to continue their toil. It may be sufficient to say, that their numbers may be estimated by thousands; and that not only are their numbers so great, but that their character, their quality, their standard of Christian excellence, will suffer nothing by the most minute and rigid comparison in the standard of Christian excellency amongst the most pure of Christian churches in this my native land. I make this statement advisedly, and without the least fear of contradiction; I make it as the result of observation and of repeated inquiry. They honour the Lord God; they obey the commands of Jesus Christ; they walk in the ordinances and commandments of the Lord blameless; and the influence of their spirit, their character, and their conduct among the heathen around, is far more powerful than the precepts of the Gospel which they believe; it is producing an impression upon the people far greater than it is possible for us to imagine. *R. vd. J. Ellis.*

(For the Juvenile Presbyterian.)

THE POWER OF CONSCIENCE. AN INCIDENT.

Dear Children.—What a blessing *peace of conscience* is. God grant your's may not be dormant *now*, only to be roused terrifically in prospect of eternity. Hear and heed its slightest whisper, and it will not disturb your dying pillow. A late writer remarks.—“When death comes near to us, it is very different from what it looks at a distance. Duties neglected and sins committed, bulk before the minds as they never did before.” And in illustration of this, he says that Admiral Beaufort's account of his sensations while he was under water was, that *his past life* was the only subject of thought.

You have all heard of a terrible shipwreck lately, the loss of the *Central America*, with many many passengers on board, and of some who were mercifully preserved for days and nights in the open sea till they were picked up by other vessels. One of them tells how he felt, and you will see how strikingly this little incident confirms the accuracy of the remark made, and calls on you and all young people as