

its insignificance compared with what remains unaccomplished. But we are not in despair—God has enabled us to begin the work; He has blessed our feeble labours; we have upwards of a thousand adults in our Societies, who afford cheering evidences of the work of grace in their hearts, and more than five thousand Children in our Schools who renounce and despise the gods of their fathers. These we trust are but the first-fruits of that glorious harvest whose ingathering shall embrace the whole population of India.

### SOUTH SEAS.

In no part of the world were the labours of Missionaries more needed—in no part were there greater difficulties to encounter—and in no part have the glorious triumphs of the Gospel been more strikingly manifested than in the South Seas. To a more awful extent than in any other place were the inhabitants of those Islands haters of God and haters of each other. They were indeed bloody and deceitful men—their feet were swift to shed blood—their hands were always dyed with blood—and in killing and devouring each other they sought and found a diabolical pleasure. Your Missionaries have united with other pious Ministers in penetrating these abodes of darkness and habitations of cruelty;—they have preached that Gospel which is designed to chase away the ignorance, controul the passions, and sanctify the affections of the human mind, and make man, who is by nature earthly, sensual, and devilish, the partaker of those principles which are spiritual, heavenly, and divine. Nor have they laboured in vain: Upwards of sixteen thousand of these Islanders have renounced Paganism with all its idolatrous and debasing ceremonies, and placed themselves under our care, the majority of whom have not only made a profession of Christianity but have experienced its saving power, are faithfully discharging its sacred duties, and are rejoicing in its hallowed and hallowing privileges.

One of our Missionaries observes, with reference to the work in the Islands of Vavou, Hahai, and Tonga—"Satan's kingdom has not only been shaken but well nigh abolished in this land. It is no exaggeration to say, that vital religion is the enjoyment of a great majority of the people. The reformation which is visible in their manners, and the genuineness and depth of their Christian experience, demonstrate that they have received the unction of the Holy Ghost; and that they have not only embraced the form but that they enjoy the *power* of Godliness. Sin is not only discountenanced, but they hate it with a perfect hatred; and I believe that many of them would rather forfeit their lives than their integrity."