

Rewa ; Mr. Cross, at Viwa ; Messrs. Hunt and Lythe, at Somu-somu ; and Mr. Calvert, at Lakemba, all of whom belong to the Wesleyan Missionary Society of Great Britain. They have had little success, and the principal members of the church are the Tongese. At Lakemba, which has the largest number, there are two hundred and forty-nine admitted to the privileges of the church, and forty-four on trial ; at Rewa there are thirteen members, and thirty-seven on trial ; and only twelve members at Somu-somu ; making about five hundred in all. But a much greater number attend service ; of these, many attend divine service more from curiosity than from any commendable motive.

The missionary schools contain about two hundred and fifty children.

In the course of the narrative of our operations in the Feejee Islands, I have already shown some of the trials that the missionaries have at times had to undergo ; but this is only a small part of their hardships. They, their wives, and children, are almost hourly liable to fall under the displeasure or caprice of these merciless savages. The natives, notwithstanding, seem desirous of having the missionaries among them, partly from the feeling that it will be advantageous to them in their intercourse with the vessels that come from time to time to bring them supplies, and partly for the protection which, in their opinion, the spirit or God of the missionaries will afford to the koro where they reside.

Upon the whole I think that the missionaries are safe as to life. They require much nerve and temper to withstand the trials they are often subjected to. The chiefs and others consider that they have a perfect right to enter the missionaries' houses at all times, and not unfrequently their behaviour is rude and indecent. There is no situation in life that requires more moral and physical courage, than that into which they are repeatedly thrown, often for the diabolical purpose of trying to excite and induce them to commit some act which might be taken advantage of to extort presents, or as a pretext to plunder them. The natives are extremely clever in devising schemes of annoyance, and will frequently take a vast deal of trouble and time to accomplish them. When detected, they have little idea of further concealment, and generally join in a laugh at being exposed.

Although they seldom fail in outward respect to the missionaries, they interdict their making any converts, or interfering with their priests or gods.

The chiefs will not allow them to construct any dwellings for them-