

was so generally expressed. We have every reason to hope that Mr. Ellis and his pious coadjutors, natives of this Island will prove extensive blessings in that wide and promising sphere of Missionary Labour. — Mr. E. returned with us, and will with his family, we hope soon enter upon his new field of exertion. We had a tedious, yet merciful voyage back again to this Island, where we arrived at the beginning of this Month. Before we reached it, driven by winds to our views, ~~contrary~~, we had an opportunity of visiting a small Island in the Neighbourhood called Ruruta into which the Gospel was introduced about fifteen months before by our Missionaries; and we rejoiced to find the people in so desirable a state. In this short time they have built a large and comfortable place of worship, where nearly the whole population of the Island attend with the greatest propriety. They are all under instruction, and have for their Teachers two pious Natives from the Island of Raiatea. Had not our eyes witnessed the change, it is so surprising that we should have felt it difficult to give credit to a mere description of it. Surely we may exclaim, what has God wrought! He has done great things for them whereof we are glad. We have not yet seen all the Missionary Stations in the Society Islands, but we have seen enough to fill our hearts with joy and gladness, and to be able to assure you that the descriptions which we heard of this bright change in our own country, is far exceeded by the fact. We have nearly completed our visit to this favoured Island, and are able to speak as to its spiritual and moral condition. We do not mean to speak of Society here as having arrived at perfection. — No — Human Nature is the same every where. But we can assure you that religion is in the most flourishing state — The Lord's Day is universally regarded — A spacious place of worship, 100 ft by 65 is filled three times every Sabbath and numerously attended several times in the week — All the people are in a state of religious and moral instruction —