

Crimes are few and petty — Civilization goes hand in hand with religion — a large and flourishing Town is growing up rapidly at the Missionary Settlement, where the far greater part of the Inhabitants of this Island reside — The Houses are neat and comfortable, built after European style — plastered & white washed. Many of them are furnished with sofas and other conveniences, which the people themselves, have manufactured for their own use. The influence of the Gospel has reached the whole order of things here, and effected a change so radical, that not a vestige of their former Superstitious remains. We feel no difficulty in saying that these Islands are the most completely and consistently Christian of any upon the face of the Globe.

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Since writing the above we have left Huahine, in order to pay our visit at the Missionary Station at Raiatea, where Mess^{rs}. Threlkeld and Williams are labouring in the vineyard of the Gospel. It affords us great pleasure to say that the same astonishing change has taken place in this Island as that which we have described with reference to Huahine. Religion and Civilization are also here going hand in hand, aiding and adorning each other, and confounding all opposition. The Kings and Chiefs are the foremost in supporting the best of Causes. This is one of the singular and extraordinary characteristics of this Mighty work. The only opposition that the present order of things has to contend with, arises from Thirty or Forty persons in each Island, generally profligate young men, who, though they do not wish to return to the Idolatrous System desire to put down all Law and order that they may abandon themselves to every evil work without restraint or punishment. But what is singular,