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We have much pleasure in publishing the Report of the Samoan missionaries, Messrs Murray and Sunderland, who lately visited Aneiteum, and are thus enabled 'to declare' unto us 'that which they have seen and heard.' While there is no reason to think that any of our readers viewed with mistrust the intelligence which has come directly from the hands of our missionaries, it is nevertheless exceedingly gratifying to receive the *corroborative testimony* of the accredited deputies of the London Missionary Society, who, from their personal experience in a neighboring field, are peculiarly qualified to judge of the results which have attended the labors of Mr Geddie. The fact appears now to be beyond question, that no mission field in modern times appears to be so productive as the Polynesian has been; and of the various groups of islands dotting the southern Pacific, the New Hebrides would appear now to be the most inviting for missionary enterprise. When we consider the isolated nature of the field, the debased and debasing superstitions of the native heathenism, the virulence and obstinacy of the opposition which has been maintained by European agency for the vilest purposes, and the very limited amount of mission labor expended, we may readily concede that the success which has followed the efforts of our church in Aneiteum has been not only highly

encouraging, but such as no other church, in the present day, has been privileged to enjoy.

The accompanying letter of Dr Tidman will reassure our friends of the deep interest which is felt in our prosperity by that society which of all others can most effectually aid and encourage us. The complaint preferred against Dr Ross for negligence in forwarding supplies will soon be adjusted. Indeed, we question very much whether Dr R. would have been justified in allowing the boxes of clothing, &c., to pass from his charge into the hands of the mate or master of a whaler, who had no authority from Mr Geddie or any one else to receive them. The fault appears rather to be in allowing the John Williams to leave Sydney on her first trip to the islands without any supplies for Aneiteum, either from England or Nova Scotia. It is matter of great comfort that the circumstances of our mission family are too well known, commercial intercourse too frequent, and the means of subsistence obtained from the soil too abundant, to admit of such a revolting spectacle as that which the Patagonian mission presented so recently to the painful contemplation of the Christian world. The utmost privation which has been endured in Aneiteum is the want of the comforts, and not the necessaries of life; and when the supplies now on their way shall have reached their destination; not only will