

on my time and strength, besides other more grave and weighty matters to which my attention is frequently called, have prevented my attending to anything beyond the urgent claims of the passing hour.

"The few copies of the Scriptures that I brought, viz., fifty-nine New Testaments, and eleven copies of portions of the Old Testament, were received with a degree of avidity that would have astonished the friends of the Bible Society. The portions of the Old Testament were by the consent of all given to the Pastors, and there are many of these, and also many faithful and laborious Evangelists, who have not yet been able to obtain a copy. At the time of my arrival there were some entire congregations without even a single New Testament amongst them all. With such a scanty supply of seed, the harvest so rapidly and gloriously ripening is the more wonderful.

"While writing this letter I have had a visit from sixteen or eighteen Pastors and officers of the Churches, who came to bring me a statement of the Communicants, &c. They remained about two hours, in conference on the state of the Churches, and some of the difficulties arising from polygamy, &c. I wish the friends of Missions could have heard their account of the purity of the Church, and the standard of personal piety kept up amongst them. They would have exclaimed, 'It is the Lord's doing,' and would have taken fresh courage in their work; but I can only state that, though the returns are incomplete, they state the number of Communicants to be *Seven Hundred and forty*, and the number of Christians in the island to be *Seven Thousand*."

MISSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE LOWER PROVINCES.

We are happy to state that intelligence has been received of the continued health of the missionaries, and of the steady progress of their work. The November number of the *Record* contains several interesting letters received from the missionaries. At Aniteum the progress of the truth is hopeful, the means of grace are well attended, and there is reason to believe that not a few are seeking the one thing needful. There is a proposal to organize an orphan school. At Tana the mission work is still suspended, but it is the opinion of some of the chiefs, who are favorable to Christianity, that, in the course of a short time, when the excitement entirely subsides, the teachers may return. The "John Knox" had visited the island, and the visiting party were well received. The Erromanga mission is at present suspended for want of native agency. Mr. Copeland has been appointed to the Erromanga mission, and is now studying the language.

MISSIONS OF UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

INDIA.—The November number of the *Record* contains an urgent appeal in behalf of a fourth station in India—Todgurrh, the principal town in the Mairwara hills, about forty miles south-west of Bearor. It is proposed that in addition to the Rev. Mr. Robb, now in India, two other missionaries be sent out in the course of 1863, one of them a medical missionary. The people are represented as a sturdy, free and independent race, and very hospitably disposed to those whom they regard as their friends. They are, however, sadly given to falsehood and dishonesty. The proposed mission will, we trust, soon be in active operation in this interesting region.

DEPARTURE OF MISSIONARIES TO INDIA.—The Rev. Messrs. Campbell, Miller, and Dow, with Dr. Robson, medical missionary, have lately sailed: the two former to Madras, and the others to Calcutta, in connexion with the Free Church Missions. Rev. W. Robb and his wife have gone out in connexion with the U. P. Church.