

haps they seemed to possess last winter : but without the former sketches, those I intend (D. V.) to give could not be so fully appreciated. This was my aim from the outset.

In order that our people may be in a position clearly to understand the plodding work of our missionaries, it seems necessary that they, at the outset, should be thoroughly acquainted with the islands, climate, seasons, the inhabitants, and their peculiarities. But of these I may write in my next.

I now return to my subject. On Sept. 7th, I lectured on the Manners and Customs of the South Sea Islanders, in Rev. A. Pollok's Church, New Glasgow. On the 9th, I went to the Convention in Charlottetown, and was present at Rev. Thomas Duncan's communion. Many, after that soul-refreshing season, returned home saying, "We have seen strange things to-day." God was of a truth in that place. Members of all the evangelical churches that morning took their seats together at their Father's table. Ah! it was a happy sight. That ever memorable prayer of our blessed Saviour's to His Father, was, in some measure, that morning fulfilled: "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me."

Returning from the Convention I went to Merigomish, and spent ten days with my father and mother, brothers and sisters, which was the longest visit I have had with them for fourteen years. I believe they are all quite willing now that I should go to labour as a missionary among the heathen. At first my dear mother and grandmother dreaded my going among savages, but not now. The latter completed her hundred and first year last month, and ere I parted with her she blessed me. During my stay at Merigomish I took a humble part in forming a Young Men's Christian Association at Central Barney's River, and one at Piedmont Valley. After this I visited Mrs. Geddie's father in Antigonish, called on one of our best Sabbath School teachers of St. Andrew's, Halifax, who is now at St. Andrew's, Antigonish, and thereafter went on to Maitland, and thence to Noel, in order to fulfil my promise to spend a week with Mr. Copeland's friend's. (Mrs. Copeland has been twelve years in the New Hebrides Mission.) From Noel I went up the Bay seventeen miles to "the Rock," and lectured, by invitation of my dear friend, Rev. John Currie, to his people there; and, although our meeting was small, they gave me \$9.30 for our mission. Next day I returned to Noel, and lectured that evening in the Church, and received \$5 of a collection. The day following, three of us attempted to cross the Bay in a boat to Economy, but the wind being contrary, and the tide far spent, after an hour's beating we ran back to Noel. Next day being Sabbath, I addressed Rev. Jacob McLellan's people in the morning at Noel, and in the afternoon at Sebnah, seven miles along the shore, and thereafter returned with Mr. McLellan to Noel. On Monday, Mr. O'Brien and I crossed the Bay in his boat in an hour, and that evening I lectured in Rev. J. McG. McKay's Church, Economy, and received a collection of \$6. Next afternoon I addressed the Sabbath School children in the hall, at 6 o'clock, and some good Samaritan passing with his carriage picked me up and conveyed me to Big Bass, where I lectured at 7 o'clock to a large assembly of Mr. Wyllie's people, and our collection there amounted to \$5.68½. Next morning I went on to Great Village, Londonderry, and that evening lectured in Rev. Mr. Wyllie's Church, and received a collection of \$9.02. From Londonderry I proceeded to Truro, and the following day to Pictou, where, on Tuesday evening, October 18th, I lectured in St. Andrew's Church to one of the largest and best assemblies I have ever had. The collection was \$20.89½.

I have not hitherto mentioned names in speaking of the kindness I have met with on all hands since I became one of your missionaries, but I cannot, with any claim to even civility itself, to say nothing of gratitude, pass by the name of Robert Doull, Esq., of Pictou, who took the whole trouble of arranging