

The whaler and the votary of trade are too exclusive in their objects.— In that remote sea, they afford us no possibility for communicating regularly with our mission, nor for sending stated supplies; and when they visit the islands there is too often the terrible drawback of the pollution and death they carry with them to the native inhabitants. We must either abandon our enterprise in Micronesia, or have the power of breaking up the profound solitude of the missionaries on those coral isles. Should this vessel be spared, and realize our expectations, it will make every island accessible that is ready to receive the missionary, and all we shall then need will be men, and funds, and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

"The "Morning Star," with her furniture and ordinary and extra sails and rigging, cost about \$13,000. Enough to meet this has been received from the children and youth; and the excess, and what is yet on the way to the treasury from the different parts of our great country, will be reserved for future repairs, and for the cost of insuring the vessel. The property is held by the Board. It falls in, however, with the plan of operations in the North Pacific, to place the vessel under the general direction and control of the Hawaiian Missionary Society, composed mainly of those ministers and laymen residing at the Islands, who once composed the Sandwich Island Mission. To the disposal of that Society will be committed, also, the funds which the Board, and the Bible and Tract Societies of this country, shall devote to the support and culture of the gospel institutions at those islands; and it will have, moreover, the entire care of furnishing the native Hawaiian laborers in the Micronesia mission, and of providing for their support. Indeed, since a primary reason for commencing the Micronesia mission was to provide a heathful reactionary influence for the Hawaiian churches, so that they may the sooner reach the point of self-support, it will be

the earnest endeavour of the Prudential Committee to make the greatest possible use of all the facilities for prosecuting the missionary work in the Pacific.

What we propose in the island portion of the heathen world, is a speedy missionary occupation, if the Lord will, on behalf of the churches related to this Board, of the Kingsmill, Marshall, and Caroline Islands; and to occupy and cultivate them, as the Sandwich Islands have been occupied and cultivated.

When the pillar of God's Providence leads the way, we may venture to go, though it be to the utmost verge of the remotest sea. No path to usefulness and to heaven is shorter, better, safer, or more happy for us, than that which God prescribes for us. Along that path, we may be sure, lie all our spiritual consolations; for only there, in the performance of our duty, may we expect to enjoy the presence and fellowship of the Holy Spirit. In a large view of our relations, and interests as immortal beings, there is no real danger in the path of duty. Through the grace that is in Christ, we shall gain as immortals what we lose as mortals, and a thousand fold in heaven for all the sacrifices made for him here on earth. Live, then, dear brother and sister, always for the *whole* of your existence, and not for a mere fraction of it. God's gracious Providence, standing in grand parallel with all the seeming ills and calamities of life, will cause them to work out for you a far more exceeding and an eternal weight of glory.

"Now the God of Peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work, to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

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News of the Church.

The Board of Foreign Missions met at Green Hill on Tuesday evening, 13th ult. A letter was received from the Rev. John Wm. Matheson, giving an account of the course of study which he

is at present prosecuting at Pennsylvania Medical College, which was highly satisfactory. Letters were also received from Messrs. Samuel F. Johnston and James A. Murray, giving an account of