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INTELLIGENCE FROM ANELTEUM.

Private letters have been received from Mr. and Mrs. Geddie, to date May 2, 1850. All the members of the mission except Mrs. Geddie, had been attacked by the fever of the country: but were recovering. Five of the native teachers stationed on Tanna had died. The Bishop of New Zealand had visited the mission and displayed much friendly interest in it. Many encouraging signs appeared in the conduct of more of the natives, and an inquiring spirit seemed to be arising. There appeared however, reason to fear that Mr. Archibald would be obliged to leave on the return of the John Williams.

The mission is now on the whole in an encouraging condition; but it demands more than ever the watchfulness and aid of its friends, and especially that some person of like spirit and ability with Mr. Geddie, should be sent to his assistance. The missionaries complain much of the want of private letters from their friends in this country. The following is an extract from Mrs. Geddie's letter.

"If you have received our letters written early in April, you will see that we have been visited by sickness, but I am happy to say that we are all now enjoying pretty good health. Mr. G. has not yet recovered his strength, and has had two or three slight attacks of fever and ague, but on the whole he is pretty well; indeed we have great reason to be thankful that we have suffered so little in comparison to the foreigners residing on the island. The dear children are very sick; dear Lucy is constantly making enquiries

about Nova Scotia and her friends there; she says she will go to see them when she gets "big." I am happy to say we have encouragement in our work. I have again been obliged to relinquish my school or I should rather say I had to do so some time ago as there were preparations making for a feast, and the women and girls were kept busy fattening pigs for the occasion; but they are again beginning to attend, and I trust that I shall soon have such an influence over several of them, that they will not easily be induced to absent themselves. I have two very promising girls under instruction, one of them is a chief, the only female chief on the Island—the other is her cousin a very smart, clever girl. I feel very much attached to them and I trust that the instruction we are endeavouring to impart may be blessed to them. I have a Sabbath class which is generally well attended. Many of the natives do not cook any food on the Sabbath, and they call Saturday the Ma Sheat-o-netta, that is, the day for preparing the food. I am very anxious to keep a few girls about me constantly, but I cannot make the trial unless friends at home will give me assistance, and this they might do by sending me cloth, needles, thread, thimbles, &c. I would rather have the materials than the clothes ready made. I am now quite out of materials for my girls to sew. We had the pleasure of a second visit from the Bishop of New Zealand, and we enjoy his visits very much he is such an amiable and pious man, and also so liberal. We expect him again in four months—it is about a month since he left; he was on a missionary voyage as usual.—