

keeping of the mission families. It was matter of deep regret, that last year should have passed away without affording any safe or eligible opportunity of remitting the very large supply then under the care of the General Receivers, Messrs J. and J. Yors-ton, Pictou. There is, however, now the prospect, that the same vessel which disappointed our expectations last season, will take the route, this Spring. She is now on her voyage to Halifax and Pictou, and may be in our harbor in a few days. The friends who may contemplate additional contributions of home made, or other material, should use every effort to forward the same by the first opportunity. Due notice will be given of the arrival, and probable period of her departure, so soon as these can be ascertained. It will be in our power when this shipment has been made, to give an estimate of the amount, and supposed value of the free-will offerings of the Church, in this department of missionary effort. That amount and value, we are confident, will prove the source of most pleasing congratulation with every well-wisher of the cause. It will be observed, from the correspondence of Mr G., that he attaches much importance to this branch of mission supplies. He has seventeen young men and women living in his own family, and entirely under his own control. These, he provides with clothing out of the home donations; and, to a considerable extent, also, with food. Four young men, formerly of this class or boarding-school, are now laboring usefully, as teachers, in different parts of the island, and two have recently been conveyed to Fotuna, a neighboring island, where they have been stationed as the first agents of the Church of Aneiteum to the lands of darkness around. Mr and Mrs G., and their two youngest children, by the invitation of the Samoan missionaries, have taken a short voyage in the "J. Wm's." An account of this voyage, which was chiefly undertaken with a view to the restoration of failing strength, Mr G. says, will be forwarded by the first opportunity; but we direct special attention to it now, as exhibiting a renewed instance of that friendship and

substantial kindness, which subsist between our agents and those of the London mission; and the sense of obligation we should entertain towards that society, whose frequent intercourse with the New Hebrides affords so many favorable opportunities for conveying supplies to the missionaries, and recruiting their health. It is questionable, if Mr Geddie could have remained on the island as long as he has, or accomplished one half of the physical and mental labor which he has done, without the very considerate and gratuitous relief thus experienced.

Another point in the present communication, to which we consider it needful to refer, is the necessity of providing a printing press, to replace their Wier Durham press, sent from Nova-Scotia, at the commencement of the mission, but is now quite unsuitable for the nature and amount of work required. The estimated cost, according to Mr G.'s suggestion, might very easily be provided by the Sabbath-school children of our Church; and when our young friends learn how gratifying to the Missionary, their former Gift of a mission boat has proved, it will, no doubt, appear to them a very grateful duty to perform this additional act of generosity.

In conclusion, we have to remind the friends of the mission, that very heavy drafts upon the funds of the Board will be made during the present year; and that there must be no relaxation in the efforts to maintain, in a prosperous state, their pecuniary resources. The edition of the gospel according to St. Mark, which has been printed at Sydney, has cost upwards of £60 sterling; one half of this sum, at least, must be met by the Board. The contingent fund, in the hands of Dr Ross, to the amount of £40, has been fully drawn; and a balance of £8, and upwards, is due to Mr Geddie, for advances to meet the objects contemplated by this fund. Expenses have already been incurred, and must still further be incurred, to a very considerable extent, for the preparation of the present candidate for the mission, whose entire time and talents since last meeting of Synod, have been devoted