

the Imperial Government should interfere without delay.

"We experience, he says, to some extent the evil effects of this traffic. In many islands where we were already on the most friendly terms with the people, we are now obliged to be cautious. Unless we are so well known as to be thoroughly trusted, we have to begin to some extent the task of disabusing their mind of the natural distrust and suspicion which these nefarious practices excite."

Again, "In conclusion I desire to protest by anticipation against any punishment being inflicted upon natives of these islands who may cut off vessels or boats crews, until it is clearly shown that these acts are not done in the way of retribution for outrages first committed by white men."

In this sad event there is one ray of comfort. The British Government and even the Queensland authorities will now be stirred. When a man combining such eminence and excellence, not a Colonist but an Englishman, not a Presbyterian Pastor but a fellow of Oxford and a Bishop is thus cut down, in retaliation for the deception and violence of men sailing under the British flag and covering their enormities under the shadow of law, rigid investigation will follow, and the petitions of our Missionaries and Boards will command a degree of attention never before given.

Our anxieties are naturally awakened for the safety of Dr. Geddie and those on their way to that disturbed mission field. We see at a glance the similarity of the Dr's. employment to that of the lamented martyr Bishop, but as the darkest hour precedes the dawn we hope and trust that it will be found in this case that the things which have happened will lead eventually to the furtherance of the Gospel by insuring measures of protection to life and liberty, alike of the savage and the civilized. Meanwhile the church should remember who it is who turns the hearts of men as the streams of water, and how the primitive supporters of Apostolic Missions were engaged during Peter's imprisonment and with what result.

### Coolie Church.

The last *Record* contained a note from Mr. Grant to the effect that in anticipation of a hearty response from home, they had put the masons to work on the foundations of the projected building, and we expressed the hope that the January Bermuda packet would carry at least one fourth of the \$1000 asked for by our missionaries. We are happy to report in fund \$463.10 of which \$403.85 have been received during the month. The masons may work on for it is now evident that one-half of the \$1000 can be remitted by next mail. For particulars we refer to our acknowledgments, and we feel assured that the contributions made will gladden the hearts and strengthen the hands of the brethren who laid the foundations in the spirit of the worthies who said "The God of heaven, he will prosper us, therefore we his servants will arise and build."

### NEW HEBRIDES MISSION.

#### Letter from Rev. Dr. Gdédie.

ANEITEUM, NEW HEBRIDES, }  
August 20th, 1871. }

REV. AND DEAR SIR—I beg to furnish you with an account of my late voyage among the island. It was commenced in May, and ended in July, and occupied about seven weeks. The islands will be noticed in their geographical order, rather than the order in which they were visited. The "Dayspring" sailed from Aneiteum on May 22nd, and called at the following islands:

#### FUTUNA.

Our devoted missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Copeland, were well. The work, under their judicious management, advances steadily and surely. A marked change is visible in the external appearance of the people. Many are now clothed, and, we hope, sit at the feet of Jesus in their right minds. The great obstacle to the progress of Christianity at present is the deportation of natives. Many are already at work on the plantations in Queensland and the Fiji Islands. The last party of natives was taken away only a few weeks ago. A small schooner called at Tana, and engaged there, as interpreter, a native of Aneiteum, who was banished from his own island for the murder of his wife, and other crimes. The vessel went to Futuna, and the interpreter engaged six natives to whale on the neighbouring island of Aneiteum for a few