

not seem to thrive well on human flesh.—We made him a present of some things, including a couple of turkeys, which he much desired to possess. He held out to us the hope of receiving teachers into his land some time soon.

In July, Amos and his wife, teachers in Esem, came home to visit us. After a few weeks, through the kindness of Capt. Daley, we got them sent back.

On August 22nd, the *Dayspring* returned from Sydney. She had on board Rev. Messrs. Paton, Copeland, Cosh and McNair, with Mrs. Cosh. Our hearts were much rejoiced and encouraged by such a reinforcement of tried veterans and new recruits. We visited Havannah harbour, and called at Esem, Eutaon and Emugaliu, the latter two of which places we had to leave unoccupied for want of teachers.

Mr. Morrison then gives an account of the *Dayspring's* visit to Aneiteum, the meeting of the missionaries there, and the location of the several missionaries, as already published.

PRINTER WANTED.

Among other items of business, we had under consideration the necessity of having a mission printer on one of the islands. I hope your committee will give the subject their most careful and prayerful consideration. As far as I have any opinion to offer on the subject I would most heartily recommend it. For each of us to become a printer is, I think, a culpable wasting of our time. The B. & F. Bible Society will print the scriptures for us; but their head quarters are far away, and we shall have several other things to print, such as, primers, psalters, almanacs, &c. In connection with this subject allow me to say, that the Gospel by Mark, which was printed for us in Sydney, though executed with great care and every desire to give satisfaction, is nevertheless very much marred, owing to the absence of one understanding the language to superintend it while passing through the press.

ARRIVAL HOME.

After the meeting was over, through the kindness of Capt. Joseph Hastings of the "Kate Kearney," we got back to Erakor without delay. Capt. Hastings took Mr. Gordon, and Mr. and Mrs. McNair, to Erromanga, and Mrs. M. and myself to Erakor; and it is due to him to say, that while in his vessel both himself and all on board treated us most courteously, spared no pains to make us comfortable, afforded us every opportunity to conduct the worship of God on board, and in the end took no fare. I may add that the *Kate Kearney* is partly owned by Capt. Burns of Sydney—

a gentleman for whom it is no new thing to do such kind turns for missionaries.

VISIT TO NEIGHBOURING DISTRICTS.

On our return home we found that in our absence the chief of Ertab had come to our village urging our people to come to his village to give them the word of God, which they were most happy to do.

Our people had been in Emarof—Tikaikon's land—while we were away, and had word awaiting us that Marik Tikaikon wished very much that I should pay a visit to his land. Acting on the principle of "striking the iron while hot," I lost no time but prepared immediately for the journey. I was away from home three nights—one on my way going I slept in Ebor, the second in Tikaikon's house in Emarof, the third in Ebor on my return. On this journey I had an opportunity of speaking to several of the chiefs and people of other villages in the south end of Efat, making known to them the glad tidings of great joy, which, by general consent they characterized as the "good word."

Came home, and after a few days visited Ertab, and Mermer the chief. He and his wives were Cornelius-like, awaiting my arrival. I spoke to them the word of life, closing with prayer. They then gave us a basket of cooked food. Let me add that while sitting in Mermer's house, into which I had crept on all fours, I felt so honoured and so happy that, had I the offer, I would not exchange position with any earthly monarch. It is a pleasant task to train young ideas how to shoot, but oh! the privilege of teaching a man who never dreamt of himself as occupying a higher level on the scale of being than his swine, that he is immortal, pointing out to him an immortality infinitely more dreadful than annihilation, that he may avoid it, and one of infinite glory, and easy of access through the cross of Christ, that he may possess it.

ARRIVAL OF MR. COSH.

On Tuesday, 8th Nov., the *Dayspring* visited us, bringing Rev. Mr. Cosh and his wife to Ebang. Mr. Neilson was also on board. Mr. Cosh was received at Ebang with great cordiality and enthusiasm. Mrs. Cosh remained at Erakor while the *Dayspring* sailed round the island.

We settled Matui with wife and two children as teacher in Emugaliu, under very favourable circumstances. We saw the chief of Ekour there, but he does not wish a teacher on the island just yet.

We took the two teachers away from Esem, their year having expired; and had none to leave in their room. This we regretted very much as nearly the whole village had joined the "worship."

We visited the Island of Emos and were favourably received.