

I gave the teachers some useful and practical hints, and hope to see a great improvement when I visit in April next. (D V.)

STATE OF RELIGION AND MORALITY.

With few exceptions I am glad to state that the people on this side of the island continue steady in their attachment to divine ordinances, and in their walk and conversation manifest the influence which the Word of God has on their hearts. Cases arise at times requiring firmness and decision, but these must be expected where Christianity has but recently exerted its influence, and where there is not strength of principle to resist temptation. Even in more highly favored lands, where Gospel light has shown for centuries there are often departures from the faith, and displays of weakness common to our frail nature. Still it is pleasant to see a large attendance at the church and sabbath school, and 100 candidates coming forward cheerfully and meeting every Wednesday for instruction and examination on the doctrines essential to be known and experienced before partaking of the solemn ordinance. I feel deeply interested in this class, and prepare carefully for it. Wednesday is a market-day here, and after breakfast the demands made on us for medicine, and various other requisites are almost unremitting till dinner hour. I find Thursday necessary to rest from all mental labour after Wednesday's services from 2 till four, as I do also on Monday after the services of the Sabbath. This season is particularly debilitating.

MUSIC.

I am happy to say that the singing is very much improved. I generally lead the time myself. We sing Martyrdom, Ortonville, York, Devizes, Peterborough, Ballerma, Portugal, New Cambridge, and one or two peculiar metre, in addition to some tunes which the natives cling to, and sing in their own simple way. Music is a most important part of worship, and deserves much attention.

On a review of the past year there is much for which we should be truly grateful, as well as not a little to keep us humble and prayerful, and dependent on the

Divine blessing. We are often reminded that we know not what a day may bring forth, but we are slow to learn the lesson. We are about to enter on another year with its duties, its trials, its hopes and fears. Let our daily motto be, "Looking unto Jesus,"—yes, looking from self, and the world, and all creature help to Him who hath said,—"Look unto me and be ye saved all the ends of the earth—then and then only shall we realize the happiness of true holiness, be girded with strength to meet every foe, to bear every trial, and come off at length 'conquerors and more than conquerors through Him that loved us.'"

Oh! for grace our hearts to soften,
Teach'us, Lord, at length to love;
We alas! forget too often
What a friend we have above;
But when home our souls are brought,
We will love thee as we ought.

I remain, dear sir, yours, faithfully,

W. McCULLAGH.

Rev. J. Bayne, D. D., S. B. F. M.

Some Statistics explanatory of mission work at the Rev. J. Geddie's station, Aneiteum, during the year 1865.

Number of church members	- - -	250
Candidates for church membership	-	100
Average attendance at church on Sab.	400	
" " " Wed.	300	
" " at Sabbath school	- 80	
Attendance at morning school daily,		
for adults	- - -	40
Attendance of children at do.	- - -	32
" Day school for boys and girls	-	40
Marriages during year ending Dec. 1	-	74
Births—11 males, 9 females	- - -	20
Deaths	- - -	24
Testaments distributed	- - -	44
Almanacs	- - -	600
Brief sketch of Joshua	- - -	600
Hymn Books	- - -	72
Genesis	- - -	19
Exodus	- - -	24

Letter from Rev. W. McCullagh.

The following extracts are from a letter dated Aneiteum 3rd January 1866:

"In my Report which I had to finish rather abruptly, I referred to the attendance at church on Sabbath as averaging 400. I omitted to mention that there are two preaching stations besides, and one of these is capable of holding 400. So that we may consider the attendance on Sabbath at the three places as averaging nearly 1000. It is only on a Communion Sabbath that the large church at this station is filled, or on the occasion of some chief getting married, as on the 17th of May last, which was the