

rivals in the north, and others enjoy themselves in shooting the albatross, cape pigeon, stormy petrel and other varieties of birds which follow in the wake of the ship in great numbers.

Our voyage has occupied 114 days.—This is a long time to be imprisoned at sea. We all weary to be on *terra firma* once more. I must now hasten to close my letter to go by this month's mail. Let me ask you to unite with us in gratitude to God for all his mercies to us, in preserving us from dangers seen and unseen, and in bringing us thus far on our way. May we enjoy his guidance and care still in the voyage before us. I long to be once more at the scene of my labours.

Ever yours, &c,
JOHN GEDDIE.

Rev. James Bayne, D. D.

LETTER FROM REV. W. McCULLAGH.

ANEITEUM, NEW HEBRIDES, }
May 21st, 1866.

My Dear Sir,—I write you by the *Mary Ira*, a schooner on her way to Sydney, from Auckland, New Zealand.

The *Dayspring* arrived here on the 30th ult., after having visited the Loyalty Islands. Having got a supply of water, she was ready a day or two after her arrival, to visit Erromanga and Fate, but a strong breeze sprung up and continued for ten days, so that it was impossible to leave this port.—On Thursday, the 11th inst., she sailed for the islands mentioned, and we are expecting her daily. Captain Frazer said he would anchor at Havannah harbour and wait there till Mr. Morrison had corrected the proofs of the gospel of Mark.

On her return from Fate Mr. Inglis intends to visit Tanna, Aniwa, and Fotuna, and report to the brethren. I shall accompany him, provided our child's health improves, for we have been rather alarmed about it for some days past.

During the last week there have been more deaths at this side than during the last three months. Eight natives, some young and some in the prime of life, have been taken away suddenly. The disease has all the symptoms of diphtheria. The weather has been very cold for natives during the past month, and much of the sickness is caused by that alone. The marriages have been few this year, only three parties as yet, but you know how frequent they were last year.

You will be glad to learn that the sandal wood trade is ended on this group. Many tons of that wood are lying at Hong Kong unsold, and no immediate prospect of any being sold.

A man-of-war is expected to visit this group in the month of July or August next,

but it will be more for pleasure than duty this time. At Port Resolution the effect produced appears to be salutary and impressive. No doubt you have read further accounts of the proceedings at Tanna and Erromanga, and the opinion of the *Sydney Herald* regarding both the Commodore and the missionaries who accompanied him.—Replies will no doubt be forthcoming, both officially and otherwise, respecting that singular effusion which appeared in the *February Record*. Time and distance are in this case against us, but faith and hope are for us.

We have read with melancholy interest accounts of disasters manifold at sea during January last, but nothing so touching, so distressing, and yet most instructive and impressive as the wreck of the *London*.—Some of the parties on board were known to me, and this renders the account all the more interesting to me. Last words and last actions on board the *London* can never be forgotten, and especially the earnest words of Daniel James Draper, the self-sacrifice and devotion of the noble captain, or the stern sense of duty that kept Angell at his post until he went down into the dark whirling water with his hands still on the engine. This was indeed his last sermon, and oh! how eloquent. What a beautiful illustration also of the power of christianity to sustain, and soothe, and comfort in the darkest hour! Who can henceforth for a moment question the effects of those mighty instruments for man's salvation—the BIBLE—the PRAYER MEETING—a PREACHED GOSPEL.

I am, dear sir, yours faithfully,

W. McCULLAGH.

Rev. Dr. Bayne, S.F.M.B.

VISIT TO NEIGHBOURING ISLANDS.

LETTER FROM REV. W. McCULLAGH.

ANEITEUM, NEW HEBRIDES, }
May 31st, 1866.

My Dear Sir,—The *Dayspring* has returned from her visit to Aniwa, Tanna, and Fotuna.

We left Aneiteum on Friday the 25th inst., and reached Aniwa on Saturday morning. Two of the ship's boats landed several chiefs and teachers from this island; Mr. Inglis also being in one of the boats and I in the other.

Before Aneiteum was christianized it was customary to visit some of the dark parts of this island, and show the strength of the new religion. The effect was good and induced not a few to join in the worship of the true God. Hence similar visits have been paid to neighbouring islands, and it is believed with good effect. On this visit to the islands mentioned we had a good representation of the morality and intelligence of