

great liberality, extended in the most prompt and cordial manner, they are entitled to the gratitude of all the members of this Church.

Although it has already been published, we cannot avoid embodying in our report the following tabular statement and accompanying remarks by Mr Inglis, as conveying a distinct view of the great progress and present condition of the mission:—

"Entire population on this side of the island,	1900
Professing Christianity,	1700
Professed Christianity during the past year,	400
Heathen,	200
Church members,	44
Admitted during the past year,	18
Marriages solemnised since commencement of mission,	44
Do. do. during past year,	11
Schools,	29
Enrolled as scholars,	1400
Average attendance on public worship,	1100
Births among the natives during past year,	34
Deaths do. do.	25

"I have two principal stations, and three out-stations, where public worship is conducted on Sabbath. The two churches are capable of accommodating nearly 1000 worshippers. At the three out-stations the people meet in the school-houses. I am happy to say that, notwithstanding the erection of so many buildings, we have not incurred a farthing of debt. We have attempted nothing but what, with the kindness of our friends and the industry of the natives, we could accomplish.

"If the Lord continue to bless and prosper us, as he has hitherto done, by another year there will not be a professed heathen on Aneiteum. Indeed, heathenism is virtually extinct already; there is now little or nothing of that obstinacy so prevalent among the heathens a year or two ago. Their joining us now appears, humanly speaking, to be only a question of time. A great work has been accomplished in their being brought from heathenism to Christianity; but a greater has still to be done, to bring them from sin to holiness. O that the Spirit may be poured upon us from on high!"

The boxes of clothing, medicine, and other articles, sent out to the missionaries from time to time by various friends,

have proved extremely useful in promoting the work. Indeed, without these they could not have accomplished anything like the amount of good which has resulted from their labours. Similar supplies will still be needed, the more especially as new ground will, it is hoped, be ere long broken up on the adjacent islands by the additional missionaries who are expected soon to be engaged in the work. The friends of the mission are referred to the report of Mr Inglis for an enumeration of those articles which would at present be most useful; and from the zeal and liberality hitherto manifested in this department, as well as in others, the belief is confidently entertained that the stream of beneficence will not be allowed to dry up, but will continue to flow towards these heathen wastes, until, under the blessing of the Holy Spirit, they become fair, fertile, and fragrant as the garden of the Lord. What Mr Inglis says respecting the happy tendency of these gifts, in one particular instance, may well stimulate the donors to a repetition of their acts of kindness, as well as others to imitate their example. In one of his most recent letters, of date September 9, 1856, he says—"Mr Geddie and I beg to express our sincere thanks to the ladies who sent us the scarlet-serge shirts for our chiefs, as a token of their approbation of the conduct of the chiefs, in the passing of the anti-slavery law, or the act to prohibit the sale of women to foreigners. About a month ago we held a public meeting of the chiefs, and distributed the shirts among them, giving them in equal proportions to the chiefs on both sides of the island. There are on this island six *natinaraths*, or *high men*, principal chiefs, and nearly fifty *natimi alupas*, or *great men*, secondary chiefs; so that the fifty-four shirts clothed in scarlet the whole magistracy of Aneiteum; Mr Geddie and I explained to them by whom, and on what account, these bright and shining garments had been sent, and we exhorted them to act firmly and unitedly in upholding the anti-slavery law, and in protecting the rights of the poor women. The chiefs were delighted beyond measure with their new robes of office, the *naiheug o ipu takata upene Boretani*, the *present of good women in Scotland*, and several of them made very sensible speeches. This generous gift will have an excellent moral effect upon the island in various