

home or missionaries to the heathen abroad. Surely some will be willing to glorify God by devoting their lives to his service. If all cannot become preachers of the Gospel, all can do or give something towards its spread. Work, then, while it is day.

ANEITEUM.

ANEITEUM is one of the Islands in the South Seas, where a few years ago there was not a single Christian, and where the people were all given to horrid cruelties. A joint mission from the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia and the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Scotland has been established on the island. Mr. Geddie, from Nova Scotia, long laboured alone on the island. He has since been joined by Mr. Inglis from Scotland, and a third missionary, we believe, has reached the island. We quote a few sentences from a recent publication :—

ANEITEUM.—The following extracts are from a Report of Messrs. Geddie and Inglis, of the missions of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Nova Scotia :—

“The Lord’s work continues to prosper. The entire population of Aneiteum, nearly 4000, have now, with the exception of about 200, abandoned heathenism, professed Christianity, and placed themselves under our instructions. The number of church members is 150; the number of candidates for membership is 75. We have four large places of worship, two on each side of the island, capable of containing upwards of 200 worshippers. We have upwards of fifty schools; the whole Christian population attend school for an hour five mornings in the week; and also on the Sabbath afternoon. In several of the school-houses, public worship is also performed on the Sabbath. The four Gospels, the Acts of the Apostles, the half of Genesis, the Book of Jonah, the First Epistle of John, and other detached portions of Scripture, are translated into this language.

“Upwards of 1400 of the natives have mastered the elementary books, and are reading in the Gospels. About 300 have made considerable progress in writing; a good many of them have also commenced arithmetic. For nearly four years, marriage has been established upon Christian principles; and, without disturbing any previously recognised marriage, upwards of a hundred marriages have been solemnised with Christian rites.”