

will write before long. We are all well. With kind regards to all the ladies in which our whole staff joins.

June 16th.

We are now busily at work on the new school building. The foundation is dug, and quite a quantity of stone on the ground. A kiln of limestone is at present burning, which will supply sufficient lime for all purposes. It is to be 24x34 feet inside, with two class rooms on the first floor, and girls' dormitories on the second. We hope to have it ready for occupation some time in the autumn.

Miss Armstrong was suddenly called to Winnipeg week before last by the death of her sister. She has not yet returned. Mrs. Laird intends writing.

MISSION STUDIES.

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Missionary Work in the Islands of the Pacific Ocean.

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When the first feelings of grief and horror caused by the sad news of the death of Mr. Williams and Mr. Harris were over, it was felt by all interested in the South Sea Mission that the effort to win the New Hebrides for Christ must not be given up, so the Missionaries in the Samoas sent more native teachers. And surely the faith and love which made them willing to go was very wonderful. The London Missionary Society sent two Missionaries who settled on the island of Tama, on which you will remember, native teachers had been left by Mr. Williams, but a fierce war soon broke out on this island, which compelled them to fly for their lives, and though native teachers continued to be sent to some of the islands, and were visited from time to time by the Samoan Missionaries, little fruit was visible for some years; but I must now hasten to tell you how the New Hebrides came to be one of our Mission fields. When, not long before his death, Mr. Williams was in Scotland, the Secession Church (now United Presbyterian) gave him £500 to enable him to open up some islands to which they might send