

wherever we have gone. Finding that there was a Presbyterian minister resident here I took the liberty of calling on him, and our acquaintance has been both pleasant and profitable. He is the Rev. Mr. Allen, son-in-law of the late Dr. Duncan of Edinburgh, and for a time missionary in the East, and for some years colleague in the Jewish Mission in Damascus with Dr. Graham, whom you lately heard in Halifax. He was also intimate at college with Dr. King and Rev. Robert Sedgewick. On Sabbath I preached for him, both morning and evening, as he has a great deal of extra work at this season. The morning service began at 8.30 a. m., afterward we went up to his house and had breakfast.

Yesterday morning he sent us a very cordial invitation to make his house our home while we remained in St. Thomas, and we very gladly accepted. So our prospect of staying here sixteen days is now very pleasant.

To-morrow evening he wishes me to give an account of our mission to his prayer meeting, which I have willingly consented to do. I do not know that I have anything more of interest to write. We greatly wish that we were settled at our work, but all that we can do is to wait in patience and trust that in God's good time we will reach our destination, and there enjoy His presence and blessing. We are both enjoying excellent health, and do not find the heat very oppressive.

Yours,

THOMAS M. CHRISTIE.

NEW HEBRIDES MISSION.

We have no later news from the islands, but the letters of Messrs. McKenzie and Annand will be read with deep interest as giving us their own account of their situation and work.

By letter from Dr. Steel we learn that the *Paragon* has been purchased for £3000 stg. of which £2000 will be available as the Insurance money payable for the *Dayspring*. As the vessel, however, requires to be altered so as to accommodate 18 passengers, an additional outlay of £500 stg., will be required. The sum of £1500 will thus be called for and collections for that purpose have commenced in Australia, one given at Dr Steel's Church in Sydney amounting to £33 stg. The returned missionaries are taking part in this work. The purchase of the *Paragon* is the act of the Sydney Marine Board of management, at the request of the mission Synod. Mr. Cosh has been

appointed Agent, and the vessel when refitted is to be called "The Dayspring."

Our readers may require to be reminded that Rev. Messrs. Paton, Copeland and Goodwill with their families were passengers in the *Paragon*, and are now seeking rest and health at Balman, one of the suburbs of Sydney, and within the congregation of Rev. Mr. Cosh. Mr. Paton has greatly improved already, but Mr. and Mrs. Goodwill are still in a state of great weakness, and the convalescence of Mr. and Mrs. Copeland only commencing. May the Lord so strengthen and restore them all, that they may yet do a good work in the Lord's vineyard.

Letter from Rev. J. Annand.

ANEITYUM, NEW HEBRIDES, }
July 21st, 1873. }

DEAR MR. MCGREGOR,—

I am happy to inform you that we reached the islands in safety and enjoying good health. We left Sydney on the 24th of May, and after a somewhat rough passage of nine days we reached Aneityum. It was with peculiar interest that we approached its shores. Here is the spot where our first missionary laboured so long and so successfully, and from this isle so many cheering letters came to stir up the zeal of our church in the cause of missions.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS.

I was somewhat disappointed in the scenery of the island. I had formed entirely too high an opinion of it. In my estimation there are finer views in Cape Breton than any I have seen in the New Hebrides. My estimate of the people here was also rather high in some respects. I did not expect to see the natives of Aneityum during the week, wearing no clothing save their *lavalas* (a cloth around their loins). Of course on Sabbath they all wear clothing, though it be of many cuts and colors.

After a short stay at Anelcahat, the vessel sailed for Aname, Mr. Inglis' station, thence we proceeded to Futuna, Mr. Copeland's island. Here we saw the real savage for the first time. Teachers have been labouring here, off and on, for about 30 years, and their present missionary has been now nearly seven years toiling amongst them, but, as yet, there is not one Christian convert. There is a population of about 900, and of these there are 100 who attend service more or less regularly. From Futuna we sailed for Aniwa, a nominally Christian island, but it has only 220