

the New Hebrides chiefly. She is a pretty brigantine, and sails so swiftly that she has out sailed and even sailed out of sight within a few hours every vessel great and small that we came up with on our long voyage. Her owners are Sabbath School children in Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Scotland, Australia, Tasmania, and Aneiteum. I am not sure but that some of you in Canada too, are shareholders, likewise young folk in New Brunswick, New Foundland, Bermuda, and New Zealand. Never had a vessel before such an onwership, so extensive, so interesting. The most interesting fact of all is that the children on Aneiteum, whose parents a few years ago were naked savages, being anxious to help forward the enterprise, did so, as they had no money, by planting arrow-root, preparing it, and afterward forwarding it to Australia to be sold. Some poor children in Nova Scotia, and P. E. Island gave up the use of sugar and butter that thereby they might get a few shillings to give for the vessel. Many who contributed did so out of their abundance, but these out of their penury; and that self-denial in persons so young was no doubt very pleasing to our Father in Heaven.

The first place reached after sailing was the Cape of Good Hope. We arrived there during the Week of Prayer in this year. The God of Missions, who is also God of the ocean, heard our prayers and those of his people left behind interested in us and our work, and gave us a prosperous passage, though some of us were very sick for a long time. The Lord's people in Cape Town received us very kindly. We were delighted with the beautiful and magnificent scenery of such parts of South Africa we saw. Indeed I never before, nor since, saw any so grand and picturesque. The only place that comes near it, perhaps in some features surpasses it, is Port Jackson. But there indeed "every prospect pleases," and the people too. The Rev. W. Thompson has a fine Sabbath School. Children of different colours meet together there, both in the Sabbath and day schools. Now I like that. I abhor that 'stand-bye darkie' spirit so prevalent in America, even in the British colonies. "God hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth," Acts XVII. 26. The Saviour says to each of us, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself," and shows us who a neighbour is in the parable of the man who fell among thieves. And the colonists know that the poor Africans have been long in the hands of *American thieves*. There are in South Africa too, Malays who are in creed Moslems, quite ignorant of the Lord Jesus as a Redeemer, and withal, very bigoted Mohammedans.

On reaching Melbourne in March a great many young folk visited the vessel; one day 4,000; another day 500; and another at Geelong 2,000. There was much excitement, some bustle, a little disorder, but abundance of good will, all satisfaction, and no accidents though there was danger, and the 4,000 came by rail. Would you not like to have swelled the numbers? Every one was pleased with the pretty brigantine, painted white, and having carved upon her stern an open Bible with the verse in which her name occurs, "The Dayspring from on high hath visited us." The ladies of the Rev. Mr. Clark's congregation, Williamstown, presented her with a blue silk flag worth £10, which has on it a dove with an olive branch in its beak.

In Melbourne we were greatly pleased to meet the Rev. Mr. Geddie and Mrs. Geddie, who were returning to Nova Scotia to recruit their impaired health. They had with them their dear little girl Ella, who is as brisk as a bee, and so bright and full of sunshine, that I would not desire a nicer indoor sun.

Mr. Geddie had with him Lathela a head chief of Aneiteum and his wife Massan-Rusa; and while in Melbourne they were joined by a young chieftainess who took them rather by surprise. She made her first appearance in the house of the Rev. Mr. Ramsay. The event, as it was unusual in such a city, so was it in the minister's manse. The child when baptized was named Isabel Ramsay after Mrs. Ramsay.

On the 12th of April we arrived in Sidney distant from Melbourne 600 miles,