

proceed to various Islands of Eastern Polynesia.

There were no less than eleven Missionaries in Sydney for some weeks. We all spent a happy day lately at the residence of J. Wright, Esq., Dromoyne Cottage, a few miles from Sydney, on the Parametta River. We went to the place in a steamer provided for us. Our party consisted of the Rev. Mr. Graham, Agent of the London Missionary Society and the Rev. Dr. Steel, Agent of the New Hebrides Missionary Society, Captains Williams and Fraser, the Rev. Messrs. Sutherland, Chalmers, Davis, Savile and Watson of the London Missionary Society, and the Rev. Messrs. Paton, Copeland, M. Nair, Cosh, Neilson and myself, and as we are all married men the presence of our wives just doubled our number. The day was fine, and I believe none of us will soon forget our pleasant meeting under the hospitable roof of the gentleman who invited us.

The "Dayspring" has taken her departure for the Islands. As she was crowded the Rev. Mr. Graham, Agent of the London Missionary Society kindly offered Mr. Neilson and myself a passage in the "John Williams." We expect so sail in a few days, and I long to be on my way to the Islands once more. I was delighted last week with the receipt of a package of letters from the natives, who urge our speedy return. It seems like going home to return to the Islands once more. I am sure that my native friends will not be more glad to see me, than I shall to see them.

You will be glad to hear that the Gospel of Mark in the language of Fate has been printed in Sydney. This is the work of the Rev. D. Morrison who is a laborious and successful missionary. It must be encouraging to you to know that your missionaries have been privileged to reduce the languages of Aneiteum, Erromanga and Fate to a written form, and to present to the islanders of the New Hebrides, the first portions of the Word of God in their own language. The tidings which I have received from the islands are favorable on the whole, except the information about Tanna. The millennium which was expected to follow the

warlike visit of the "Curacoa" to that Island has yet to appear. An appeal to physical force, is in my opinion, far more likely to irritate than to soothe the passions of savage men.

The "Dayspring," has I think, tarnished her fair name by giving the sanction of her presence to the recent proceedings on Tanna, but in other respect she is a favourite vessel. She appears to be well fitted for her work, and the Missionaries are delighted with her. May she long continue to be a messenger of light and peace to the islands where the people are still sitting in darkness and in the region and shadow of death. A general impression prevails in Nova Scotia and elsewhere that her expenditure is too great, and I had some feeling of this kind myself. At the suggestion of Captain Fraser I have made enquiries of men of business who are competent to give an enlightened opinion on the subject. The result of my enquiry is that her expenditure, as compared with other vessels, is extremely moderate. She cannot be kept fully equipped for her work at less expense than is now bestowed on her. The sum of £1200 sterling, her estimated yearly expenditure, does not, in these gold regions represent much more than half that amount in Nova Scotia. It must be pleasing to the friends of the mission to know that Capt. Fraser is a universal favourite in the mission, and out of it. His position is a difficult one, but he acts with dignity in it, and seems to please all parties. The missionaries speak of him as the right man in the right place.

We hope in a few days to be on our way to the islands. Remember us and the work in which we are engaged. We need your sympathies, and your prayers, and I trust that these will not be withheld from us.—May God arouse us all to more earnest, more generous, and more prayerful efforts than we have ever yet made for the spread of the gospel.

I remain, Ever yours, &c.,

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