

the wanderings and wretchedness of Indian life. The wife is quite an adept in house keeping, and has learned to read since her arrival. She has not yet avowed herself a convert from Romanism; but she eagerly listens to the scriptures, and to evangelical instruction. She also cordially coincides with her husband in his plans for gaining further information, and making himself useful to the mission.

During the winter months Benjamin was engaged in assisting Mr Rand in the work of translation and revision. He, at the same time, pursued his studies in several English branches, such as reading, writing, arithmetic and Geography, and especially the Bible. He has also opportunities for reading the scriptures to the other Indians, and of conversing with them in their wigwams, and at his own house. For 2 months after that he was employed by a house-joiner, and was able to earn a dollar a day in carpenter work, besides his board.

About the middle of July Mr Rand commenced a missionary tour through New Brunswick, and thought it advisable that Ben should accompany him.—To this the committee agreed. Mr Rand found him a valuable assistant. The Indians would crowd around him, to hear him read the scriptures, and would listen to his addresses and remarks with great candour and interest. His open avowal of attachment to the *primitive* gospel, and his dependence upon *Christ* for salvation, and not upon the *Church*, occasioned him some persecution and trouble from white Romanists. But by the Indians he was almost universally received with kindness. "Often," says Mr Rand, "would they enquire, when will Pasumei visit us again. Ben. was well received also by the white people. He occasionally addressed public assemblies with much acceptance, in conjunction

with Mr Rand's lectures in behalf of the mission. He not only avows himself a convert from Popery but indulges the hope that he has been born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth forever. He has not united with any branch of the christian church, and wishes to take no step rashly. He expresses too, an earnest desire to labor as an evangelist among his kindred, his brethren according to the flesh. For this purpose he is seeking the necessary qualifications. Can your committee entertain a doubt respecting the forthcoming means of educating him?

It is only necessary to add, that Mr Rand bears testimony to the christian deportment of Benjamin. He says, "I have known him for more than seven years. I often contrast his appearance and conduct seven years ago with what they are now. With the deepest solicitude have I watched him for the last 18 months, but I have never seen nor heard anything inconsistent with his profession. How often has my heart been moved, while listening to addresses in his own tongue, to "Our Father in Heaven."—How has my soul been stirred while hearing him read and speak to his people. I have been led at such times to exclaim, "Lord now testest thou thy servant depart in peace."

The report of last year gave an account of a Micmac dying in the triumphs of faith and going as he firmly believed, to be with Christ. We are happy now in being able to speak of another whose conversion we hope is genuine. We pray that he may be spared to labor on earth for the salvation of his people, and that he may be but a drop before a plentiful shower—the first fruits of an abundant harvest.

Foreign Missions.

NEW HEBRIDES. LATER INTELLIGENCE FROM ANEITEUM.

The last month has brought a most cheering letter from Mr Geddie, addressed to one of his sisters. The letter was short, as the vessel which called made but a brief stay. The same cause

prevented his forwarding communications to the Board. We give all those portions of the letter which are of public interest. Our readers will be gratified to learn that the large supply of goods sent by the "Sydney" arrived safely, and that the work of God seems still advancing on the island. What