

lately visited some of the heathen islands, and seen the natives running about like the man among the tombs. Now we saw the Aneityamense sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in their right mind. We felt that with God nothing is impossible.—During our stay at Solynappis, both Mr. M'Nair and myself suffered a good deal from fever and ague; had we been alone on a heathen island, I don't know what would have become of us, for we were at different times ill together.\* As it happened we were well looked after. Mr. Inglis took a fatherly care of us, while Mrs. I. was kindness itself. Before returning to Erromanga we spent four weeks with Dr. and Mrs. Geddie. They have a fine large church built of stone; it is very wonderful how it could be erected by natives, and without the proper implements. Their house is also built of stone.

#### VISIT FROM TANNESE.

A few days after we went to Anelignau hat, six Tanna men came to visit Dr. and Mrs. Geddie, and Mr. and Mrs. Neilson; two of them wore coats, while a third, as if wishing to show he possessed one, walked boldly into the parlour with his under his arm; the others had no clothing. They had a few fowls which they wished to give in exchange for scarlet braid and ornaments to decorate themselves on a coming feast. On the evening of the same day Dr. Geddie and Mr. M'Nair took a walk to see the white man who came in the boat with them from Tanna, hoping to learn something of the state of the island. Mr. M. was much shocked to hear one of the traders remark that a little tobacco would do the natives more good than teaching them to read the New Testament. What an evil influence those traders have over the poor, ignorant, dark hearted heathen! On the 21st of May Mrs. Neilson presented her husband with a daughter; and on the 1st of June the *Dayspring* came to anchor, when our hearts were gladdened by good news from home. On the 5th she again weighed anchor, and sailed for the other islands, with Dr. Geddie, Mr. M'Nair and myself, as passengers. Before, however, proceeding to the ship, we had worship in Dr. Geddie's parlour, conducted by Mr. Inglis, who commended us to Him who holds the waters in the hollow of His hand. On the following morning touched at Fotuna, where Mr. and Mrs. Copeland were settled at the end of last year. As there is no anchorage, the vessel lay off and on. Mr. C. was soon on board, and we were glad to learn that they were all well. The natives are quiet, but very shy; a few attend public worship. A number of those who came on board were painted, and very savage looking. In the afternoon we anchored in

#### PORT RESOLUTION, TANNA.

As Dr. Geddie was anxious to have an interview with Noughka, who is the chief highest in rank at Port Resolution, and he being from home when we reached Tanna, we lay there from Thursday till Monday morning, when his highness made his appearance. Seeing he is a personage of such importance, perhaps you would like to have some idea of his appearance. He is about 5 feet 4 inches in height, and stout built; his dress requires no description, for he wore none. His hair was dressed most elaborately; it must have been divided into several locks, each lock being carefully bound round with the rind of a creeping plant, which made it resemble cord, with a curly friz at the end (this appears to be the favourite style in Tanna); it is thrown back off the forehead, and hangs down behind. At a distance one might mistake them for wigs—of course they are not dressed every day or month either, I suppose. A piece of fringe rolled up was placed on the top of his head, then a strip of red calico bound round and tied on the top of the fringe. Round the roots of his hair, and one half of his face, with the exception of the nose, was painted red; the remainder, black by nature, was still more so by paint. His ear-rings, which were made of tortoise shell, varied from 3 inches in circumference to about 4½, with small ones suspended from the large ones, and so numerous, that though I made the attempt to count them, I had to give up without having my curiosity gratified (of course it was from a distance I viewed them); while owing to their size, number, and weight, the lobe of the ear looked as if it would soon give way. Round his neck he wore a greenish stone, about 4 or 5 inches in circumference, strung with a piece of red calico, and above that an ornament of mother-of-pearl. On his right arm he had a bracelet of amber and white beads, and on his left three rows of white shells, rather larger than a hen's egg. Dr. Geddie invited him down to the cabin in company with other two chiefs of lower rank, one of whom is favourable to Christianity, and wore a shirt; the other, like his friend Noughka, is a heathen, and, like him, wore no clothing, but did not spare the paint, and had a white feather about 3 feet long stuck in his hair. Dr. Geddie wished to know if they would protect a missionary if settled among them. They all agreed that, as they were about to commence war with some of their neighbours, it would be better to wait a little, so we spread our sails to the wind and left noble Tanna much as we found it.

The Tannese are great traders, and from their frequent intercourse with foreigners