

gress, are learning. Nearly forty have learnt to write. There are eighty-five candidates for church-fellowship, and here too it is likely a church will be formed. We had a large and deeply interesting service here with the people. It was most encouraging and refreshing to hear them join in the song of praise to God, and to see them listen with so much attention to the Word of life.

"The teachers at both stations are highly respected and esteemed, and treated with great kindness. They have gained great influence, which they have used to good account, as appears from the large measure of success with which, under the blessing of God, their labours have been crowned.

"We left three more teachers from Samoa on the island, two of them married, who, with the four there before, will greatly aid the Missionaries in carrying forward the good work which has already been so successful.

LIFU.

"We left Mare in the morning of the 27th, and, after touching at Toka, we reached Lifu about three in the afternoon. The wind and sea prevented us from having any communication with the teacher at *Mu* (Anerewil), the first-formed station on this island; we therefore passed on to *Ue*, the station formed upwards of two years ago, which we reached about 4 p.m. We were glad to find that the teachers were well, and that their labours on the island were being increasingly blessed and prospered. With very trifling exceptions the whole population of the island profess Christianity, and their call for Missionaries is becoming louder and louder. They pleaded much to get one of those placed on Mare; but we could only leave with them two more teachers, expressing our confident hope that two Missionaries would be brought for their next voyage of the Missionary vessel; and in this we trust, neither we nor they will be disappointed.

"Having completed our work at Lifu we sailed again for Mare on the 1st of November, and arrived on the 3rd and went on shore with Mr and Mrs Sunderland, who were to remain for a time to assist in commencing Missionary operations. We found our esteemed Missionary friends on shore all well and comfortable in their little cottages, and animated by the promising state and pleasing prospects of their Mission; and having affectionately commended each other and our

work to God in prayer, we bade all our dear friends farewell and sailed for

NIUE, OR SAVAGE ISLAND.

"We reached this island in the afternoon of the 24th of November, just three weeks after we left Mare. One of the teachers came off and remained on board all night; and on the following day we saw all the teachers, and got their reports. We were happy to find that, with very trifling exceptions, heathenism had been abandoned throughout the whole island. The people now go from land to land without fear of each other; and the teachers can pursue their work everywhere without interruption, and are kindly treated by the people. The desire for instruction is becoming general. To use the word of one of the teachers, 'The mountains of difficulty are now all removed; the Word of God is growing, and will grow rapidly in this land.' It was our happiness to convey to them 1000 copies of an excellent elementary school-book, containing select portions of the Old and New Testaments, and also a small collection of hymns. It will be a great boon to the people, and will be highly prized by them. This book was translated by the teachers into the native language, and printed at Samoa.

"The desire for teachers is great, and we ought, as soon as possible, to send two more efficient men, who, with those already there, will fully supply the island.

"The facts above narrated will speak for themselves, and will show our friends who are interested in our work in these seas how much cause there is for thanksgiving to the Hearer of prayer. Though some of our courageous and noble pioneers have fallen in the high places of the field, and a gloom has, for the present, been cast over one fair island, yet what a large amount of success has crowned the work of the devoted labourers in our infant Missions! What a large return has been made to the comparatively small outlay that has been expended upon them! It is therefore to be hoped that the earnest and affecting appeals which are constantly being made from so many of our stations will be speedily responded to, and a sufficient number of well-qualified and devoted men be found for them in the churches. May the God of Missions bless His people with a spirit of prayer and liberality, and speedily send forth an adequate number of labourers to these fields, which 'are white unto the harvest!'"