

board from brethren in the ministry and other friends, by whom arrangements have been made to entertain us on shore, during the stay of the vessel here. Steps are taken to have a public meeting here next week, of which I hope to give you some account before I close.

On our arrival here, we were astonished to find that Mr. and Mrs. Geddie are here on their way to Nova Scotia. Though we regret that they are not before us, on Aneiteum, to lend us the valuable assistance of their counsel and experience, we rejoice that they are here hoping that the change may be beneficial to their health. Since they left the island their youngest child has been taken away.

He brings us the pleasing intelligence of Mrs. Johnston's marriage to Mr. Copeland. We are rejoiced to hope that now, her services shall be continued to the mission for many years to come.

Lidella (*Lathella*), one of the Aneiteum chiefs and his wife, are with Mr. Geddie. They left with the purpose of going to Nova Scotia; but I fear that they shall have to return to their native island, as her health is rather delicate.

MONDAY, 7th.

Yesterday we had the pleasure of hearing Bishop Patteson of New Zealand. He gave us a good sermon enforcing the duty of sending the gospel to the heathen around. He is a man of noble birth, but of Christian humility. He did not appeal to the vanity or feelings of his audience. He set our duties before us on christian grounds, our love to the Saviour, and to the souls of men; our obligations to do something for Him who has done so much for us, and our responsibility to Him, as possessing the Gospel, for our heathen neighbours who perish for lack of knowledge. He did not seek us to do the Lord's work from unhallowed motives, but endeavoured to get us to do it from motives worthy of the cause.

Here, let me observe, that by setting unworthy motives before men to stimulate them to do God service, we get them to destroy their own souls under the guise of serving God; and to grieve the Spirit so that our labors are not blessed. Let us see to it

then that we not only do the work of the Lord, but that we do it in his own way, as we are taught in the Bible—with a single eye to his glory.

TUESDAY 8th.

This day week the children are to visit the vessel in a body. Afterwards they are to be addressed by the missionaries, before they return to their homes. On the evening of the same day we are to have a meeting of the adult friends of the mission, in Dr. Cairns's church.

Here we are received with all christian kindness. As soon as we arrived, we have been taken by the hand, and brought from the vessel, to enjoy the hospitality of brethren in the town. Here there is a very strong interest manifested in our Mission. The first fruit of this interest is the *Dayspring*. From anything that appears now much more may be expected. Our christian friends here have already given us their money. Now they give us the right hand of fellowship and their prayers, and no doubt their money in time to come as our mission may need.

You will be glad to learn that the vessel gives universal satisfaction here. We must call at Geelong and Sydney before proceeding to the islands.

WEDNESDAY, 16th.

Yesterday the children visited the *Dayspring*. It was a day as beautiful and balmy as one could wish, neither too warm nor too cool. About ten a. m., the first instalment arrived at the vessel. We sent them down to the cabin about 70 at a time, and then marched them back to make room for others. We loaded and unloaded the 70 in about nine minutes. This process continued till 5. p. m. The wharf was crowded with a sea of happy little faces eager for their turn to plant their little feet on the deck of the *Dayspring*. We had hard work to keep order so that none was crowded, and none kept from passing into our cabin. The day was a happy one among the Sabbath school children here, and a day long to be remembered. They are greatly pleased to see our good little vessel, the result of their efforts in the cause of Christ. Of course, we gave them distinctly to understand that they were