

very gratifying circumstance of this nature which obtains great prominence in the last Annual Report of the British and Foreign Bible Society. It will be remembered, that the Pictou Auxiliary called the attention of the Parent Society last year, to the labors of Mr. Geddie, in his translation of the Gospel according to Matthew, into the Aneiteumese language; and that a very favorable answer was, in due course, received. A similar application from our Board of Foreign Missions was at the same time, and in the same spirit, acknowledged. From the statements of Mr. Knolleke, Secretary B. & F. B. S., it appeared that, in consequence of an application from Rev. J. Inglis, (Mr. Geddie's associate,) the London Com. had

forwarded 500reams of paper, and 200 bibles and testaments, and that he had no doubt, if occasion required, the London com. would be ready to repeat, and even extend their aid. The nature of the communication from Mr. Inglis was not, however, particularly stated. It now appears that an Auxiliary Bible Society has been established at Aneiteum, and, that it was in his capacity of secretary to this society, Mr. Inglis addressed Mr. Knolleke, along with the remittance of their first contribution. Few of our readers have access to the Annual Report of the B. & F. B. S., and we shall, therefore, transfer to our columns, the entire passage which refers to the New Hebrides.

Foreign Missions.

LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE
LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

London, Novr, 22nd, 1837.

REV. JAS. BAYNE,

Secy. B. F. M. P. C. N. S.

DEAR SIR, I have the pleasure to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 13th ult. containing a remittance, amounting to £205 sterling, intended to cover Mr. Geddie's salary for one year, and other items of expenditure therein enumerated.

The events that have transpired at Aneiteum since your devoted missionary Mr. Geddie commenced his labors on that Island, are indeed most gratifying. That within so short a period, one half at least of the population should have been brought to abandon heathenism and to become docile pupils in the school of Christ, is a result so truly surprising that it can scarcely be paralleled in the history of missions. This great movement must needs have a powerful influence on the other Islands of the Group, and, in effect, we learn from Mr. Geddie's statements, corroborated by those of our missionary Brethren who lately visited the New Hebrides in the *John Williams*, that, in the good providence of God, the way is rapidly preparing for the spread of the Gospel throughout the entire Group.

We were happy to hear of Mr. Geddie having been joined by a valuable fellow-laborer in the person of Mr. Inglis, and we are further gratified to learn that you propose to strengthen the mission by sending out one, if not two, more agents. We have also, as you appear to be aware, ap-

pointed two agents with a view to their being located on another island of the Group, and these Brethren, the Rev. Messrs. Creagh and Jones, with their wives, are on the point of leaving Sydney en route for their destination. By the combined efforts of the missionaries of the two Societies, we may therefore hope, with the Divine blessing, for the yet more extensive and general diffusion of the Gospel throughout the Group.

I regret to find that in repeated instances, your letters to Mr. Geddie have not reached him, nor am I able to account for their miscarriage. The best mode of addressing your correspondence would be to the care of the Rev. Dr. Ross, (our agent) Sydney, New South Wales, but if you have already adopted this course, and without success, I would recommend you to forward your letters to this house, and we shall be happy to forward them for you. It would involve some extra postage and loss of time, but you may rely upon their reaching their destination, for in no single instance I believe has our correspondence with the Islands, either to or fro, miscarried.

With every sentiment of Christian esteem and regard for the members of your Board, and in the earnest hope that their efforts for the spread of the Gospel throughout the dark places of the earth may be crowned with the richest blessing.

I remain, Dear Sir,

Yours very truly,

ARTHUR TIDMAN,

For. Secy of the London Mis. Society.