

Williams had also returned to Aneiteum and proceeded on her voyage to other groups. Mr. Copeland and his wife returned in the *Dayspring* and are settled on Fotuna. Mr. and Mrs. Paton are stationed on Aniwa. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson has spent a few weeks on Fate with Mr. Morrison, and had returned to Aneiteum with the prospect of settling on Tanna. Dr. Geddie and his family were well. Mr. and Mrs. McCullagh had returned to Aneiteum.

Latest from Erromanga.

Mr. GORDON writes under date of November 3, 1866. At that time Mr. and Mrs. MACNAIR had been on the Island one month. They were still at Dillon's Bay; but expected in the course of a few months to be settled at Cook's Bay on the opposite side of the Island. Mr. Macnair is now a missionary of our own Church, and it is proper that our people should familiarize themselves with the fact. He and Mrs. Macnair were in the enjoyment of health when Mr. Gordon wrote. Mr. Gordon has recovered from his illness and feels pretty strong again. He and Mr. and Mrs. Macnair returned from Aneiteum to Erromanga in Captain Hastings's vessel, and were a week on the way. Captain Hastings at the same time also took Mr. and Mrs. Morrison back to Fate. He rendered this valuable service gratuitously, and the Missionaries acknowledged their obligations by presenting him with a Bible.

Mr. G. had been absent from his station from Aug. 23 to Oct 4th. All was well on the Mission premises on his return to Erromanga. Influenza has been prevalent among the natives. Mr. Gordon's cow had died during his absence, a serious loss in the circumstances.

The natives are still fighting, and in a very unsettled state. Five men, including a chief, had been recently killed and eaten.

About the end of August H.M.S. *Brisk*, Captain Hope, had called at Dillon's Bay, under Commodore Wiseman's directions. Captain Hope visited the Mission School, and addressed encouraging words to the pupils. He was exceedingly kind, and manifested much interest in the Mission work. The chaplain also, Rev. H. B. Smyth, manifested deep interest in the mission.

Mr. Gordon acknowledges a box of goods received per Rev. Dr. Geddie.

Mr. Gordon, writing to Rev. Alexander Falconer of Charlottetown, P.E. I., under date of Nov. 2, 1866, says:—

The natives of this Island are fighting still among themselves. The way of peace they know not. God, in his great mercy, has taken some of the people into the king-

dom of His Son, and has brought others nigh, but the great mass is yet afar off. You will be glad to learn that another missionary has been appointed to this Island. Mr. and Mrs. McNair are now temporarily located in Dillon's Bay, and a few months hence expect to be located in Cook's Bay on the opposite side. May He who led His people of old by the hand of Moses and Aaron, go before them, and lead many, through their instrumentality, from darkness into light. They have been here a month now, and are both well. The others expect to be located on the return of the mission vessel: but in the mean time are sojourning at Aneiteum.

I received a box of mission goods per Mr. Geddie. It was a very good one, though it contained some useless articles, such as rotten fabrics, which would not hold together scarcely of their own weight, hanks of woolen yarn and woolen socks and stockings, &c. The best things that could be sent to us by you,—I mean from the contributors to the mission fund,—would be webs of homespun. These would make kilts, *alias* short petticoats for men, and would wear a year. The webs should be either very narrow or double breadth—so as to admit of being divided through the centre, say breadth two feet or four feet. Twenty inches or eighteen inches, and forty or thirty-six inches would do very well with broad bands. On the five islands in the north of this group the women in their heathen state are very well clothed, that is, they wear "*lepeys*," or *numpelets*, and all they require is a short upper garment. The case is different, however, on the Islands north of this one. On Fate, for example, they require both upper and lower garments. Were I beginning a mission on another island, I think I would not go beyond the kilt—would confine them to that one article of dress—at least for a few years.

Hoping to hear from you again, and with best wishes, and kind greetings to all my old friends in and out of your charge, whom you may see,

I remain yours in Christian fellowship,
J. D. GORDON.

Other Missions.

Scenes in Madagascar.

The venerable Mr. Ellis recently gave in England, some touching reminiscences connected with his repeated visits to Madagascar. Among other things, he stated that, when he first visited the Island, he was compelled to remain on the coast, and was