

Vv. 22, 23. — This quotation is from Isaiah vii 14.

Vv. 24, 25. — Joseph did as he was commanded. He was fully satisfied and took Mary to his home as his wife, "providing thus for her reputation and comfort in her present circumstances." (Scott.)

#### LESSONS :

1. In reading the genealogy we may think with what intense delight David and the holy men of old would have done so if they could! How great are our privileges!

2. Several very bad men are included in the table, and from this we may learn that God can make use even of the wicked. They may be the parents of the elect!

3. Jesus is God with us (v. 23.) let us therefore hear his voice and trust in him for salvation.

4. How vain are the distinctions of wealth and rank! Jesus was born of a virgin who lived in a very poor hut, in a small village; yet he is king of kings. Who would not rather be Mary in her humble cot, pious, pure and full of the Holy Spirit, than be the proudest Queen or Empress?

5. Christ's coming will not help us in any way unless He save us from our sins.

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## News of the Church.

### MR. GEDDIE'S DEPARTURE FOR THE NEW HEBRIDES.

The Rev. Mr. Geddie, with his wife and three daughters, left Nova Scotia by the R.M.S. *Asia*, at 3 o'clock on the morning of Friday, the second of the present month. On Thursday evening a number of friends assembled and commended the Mission family anew to the care of the great Head of the Church; and several ministers and others accompanied them to the steamer. — They leave us followed by the prayers and best wishes of thousands of every denomination. On Tuesday, the 30th ult., a FAREWELL MEETING was held in Temperance Hall, Halifax, the largest and finest meeting probably ever held in this city. Rev. Mr. Maxwell presided. Prayers were offered up by Prof. Macknight, Mr. Sedgewick and Dr. Pryor; resolutions were moved or seconded very ably by Rev. G. W. Hill, Rev. J. Waddell, Rev. G. M. Grant, Rev. C. Stewart, Rev. T. Cumming and Dr.

Bayne. The singing, which was noble, was led by the united choirs of the Presbyterian churches. The following are the resolutions which were unanimously adopted by the meeting:

1. This meeting, assembled to bid farewell to the Rev. Mr. Geddie and Mrs. Geddie, desire to express their grateful recognition of the goodness of God to these his honoured servants, in keeping them safely during their service of twenty years in the Foreign Mission Field—in crowning their labours with remarkable success—in enabling them to give to the inhabitants of Aneiteum the whole New Testament, the Book of Psalms, and other portions of God's Word in the native language, and the training necessary to qualify them for reading profitably in their own tongue that Word which is able to make them wise unto salvation.

2. That we regard Mr. Geddie as having rendered a service of very great importance to the cause of Christ in general, and especially to that of the Foreign Missions, not only by those persevering labours which with God's blessing have christianized and civilized a land recently sunk in the darkest heathenism, but by his visit to these Provinces where his earnest appeals, and his simple narratives of God's work in the New Hebrides, have been heard with the deepest interest by tens of thousands whose faith has thus been strengthened, whose hearts have been gladdened and whose zeal and liberality have been largely stimulated.

3. That in bidding farewell to the Rev. Mr. Geddie and his family we commend them to the special keeping of Him who has said, "Go teach all nations, and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world"—and our prayers shall constantly ascend on their behalf that they may be led in safety to those distant islands where they have been the Pioneers in the work of Christ—that they may escape all peril by sea and land—that they may be protected in their conflict with diseases incident to tropical climes, and in their intercourse with unreasonable and cruel men—that their future efforts on behalf of the heathen may be crowned with success tenfold more abundant than heretofore, and that at last they may receive the reward of faithful servants.

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We are glad to be able to announce that the Rev. Dr. STEEL, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, has accepted the agency for our Foreign Mission, offered to him by our Synod.

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The publication of the present number of the *Record* has been delayed a few days, in order that recent important intelligence from the missionaries might be given as fully as possible.