

then the ear of wheat, then the full grain in the ear, ripening for the harvest. We never see them growing, we do not know how they grow, we only know that they do grow.

*The Mustard Seed*—Then He speaks of the tiny mustard seed, which, when sown, springs up and grows and grows till it becomes a great bush, or tree, where the birds come and rest in the branches.

*God's Kingdom Character*—Jesus tells us God's kingdom is like such a seed growing. When we hear God's Word and take it into our hearts, that is like the seed being sown. God will make it grow and grow, if we only let Him, till the beautiful plant, Character, is formed; and this is what Jesus means by the kingdom of God within us,—a lovely Godlike character. Our life will be full of righteousness, peace and joy.

*The Leaven*—Then Jesus speaks of the leaven, or yeast, which those who bake bread put into the flour to make the bread. It works and grows through all the dough, till every bit of it is bubbling and foaming. So God's kingdom spreads in our heart and life, and, through us, spreads into other hearts and lives, giving them God's kingdom also. And it is in this way that Christ's kingdom on

earth (all His true followers) grows and spreads.

*God's Kingdom Growing*—It is God alone who can make it grow. We can only give God's Word (through missionaries and others) to those who do not hear it. That is sowing the seed. Then we must do all we can to help to make their hearts "good soil" for the seed to grow in, by teaching them to pray and to love and obey God's laws; and God will cause the seed to grow and the character plant to blossom and bear fruit in beautiful lives, which will, in turn, help to spread it to other lives.

*Golden Text*—Repeat Golden Text. We are asking God to make His kingdom come into all hearts, till His will is done on earth as it is in heaven, and all people shall belong to Jesus' kingdom.

*Repeat*—

"God, who made the grass,  
The flower, the fruit, the tree,  
The day and night to pass,  
Careth for me."

—Hymn 509, Book of Praise

*Symbol*—The LIPS will remind us that Jesus tells us about God's kingdom growing.

*Something to Think About*—I should love Jesus more and more.

### FROM THE PLATFORM

#### REV. JOHN GEDDIE, D.D.

WHEN HE LANDED (IN ANEITEUM) IN 1848, THERE  
WERE NO CHRISTIANS HERE, AND WHEN HE LEFT  
IN 1872 THERE WERE NO HEATHEN

Print upon the blackboard this extract from the tablet in the church of Aneiteum, in the New Hebrides, where the first Presbyterian missionary from Canada, REV. JOHN GEDDIE, D.D. (Print), labored. Tell the story of his mother devoting him to the foreign field when he was an infant in her arms, and praying that God would call him to that great work. Small in stature, gentle as a girl, he was known at school as "little Johnnie." He hardly seemed fit to go among cruel heathen people, who could easily kill him. But he went under God's care. He took the Word of God in his heart and hand and speech, and planted it as good seed in Aneiteum. His life was like leaven, and there, far away from home, he was hidden among needy lives, and the kingdom of God went from him to one after another, until, after twenty-four years of work, the whole of Aneiteum was Christian. Perhaps some of you will follow in his work to some heathen land.