

ary ; for the conversion of the *perishing* heathen in the surrounding islands ; for the universal extension of Christ's kingdom in the world ; and for a special manifestation of the Spirit's influence during our present meetings.

At 10 o'clock on *Tuesday*, we met in the new large, substantial, and beautiful church, erected by a people, who a few years ago were the most degraded and wretched of the heathen tribes of Polynesia. Christian Reader : see what God hath wrought ! ! The meeting was opened by praise reading a portion of the Scriptures, and prayer. The first business brought before the meeting was our settlement. After all had expressed the *r*minds upon this solemn and important subject, it was unanimously agreed, that we should be located on *Tana*. Thus I have obtained the thing I so much desired, and to which I looked forward with so much deep anxiety, viz., a unanimous vote of the mission brethren, *deciding* our permanent location. I regard this vote, as God's voice to us through His servants, revealing to us *His will* respecting our future destination. I therefore, feel that *Tana* is the particular portion of the great mission field, in which Christ would have us make known the glad tidings of salvation to those who have not yet heard of a Saviour's love ; and that it is *His will* that we there labour, suffer, and die in *His service*. This I trust, will ever be a comfort to us hereafter in the work, feeling that whatever may befall us, we are *here* by the *will* of God : and therefore it is *well*.

The subject of settlement being disposed of, the remainder of the day was spent in deliberations upon subjects having an important relation to the interests of our mission. The most pleasing and marked features of our meetings, were a spirit of disinterestedness and mutual forbearance, love, good feeling, kindness and unanimity. I never before had the pleasure of being present at a meeting, where these pleasing features were so marked, where the time was so occupied with the important—to the exclusion of the trivial and *selfish*. It was most manifest that those present were under the influence of the Spirit ; that our deliberations were guided by His gracious influence ; and that we realized an answer to that sublime prayer which Christ offered up to His father “ That they all may be one ; as Thou Father art in me and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that Thou hast sent me.” The spirit which has characterized our meetings throughout, afforded good reasons to hope, that their results will be both happy and lasting, and that it will give a most pleasing impetus to the good work on these dark Islands. When God's servants are *one* in prayer and action, the adversaries of the truth may tremble, and saints rejoice—the powers of darkness will recoil, and the Truth shall have free course to run and be glorified.

I need not tell you that our meeting was a time of rejoicing to us all. But doubtless peculiar feelings were awakened in the bosoms of the first Gospel missionaries to these Isles, as they would call to mind the circumstances under which they landed upon this Island 12 years ago ; the years of disappointments, trials, toil and dangers ; the then wretched condition of the people ; and now to find themselves seated in a splendid sanctuary ; surrounded by happy men, women, and children ; a band of five young men met in consultation with themselves respecting the extension of the work in which they had suffered and for which they had done so much : I say, these and such like reflections would awake in the breasts of these devoted servants, feelings unknown to those who have followed them ; and *only known* to those who have come thro' like toils and trials, and who possess similar zeal for the glory of God, and sympathy for souls in heathenish darkness and degradation. Oh, I wish our good friends in Cape Breton, P. E. Island, and Nova Scotia, could have looked in upon us, and have seen all that transpired, and all the love, harmony, sympathy, and good feeling which pervaded our meeting, and also the results which have been accomplished out here through your prayers and contributions, I am sure you would not lament having done too much, but you would rather praise God, that He had put it into your hearts to do something in the noble cause.

On *Thursday*, after solemn prayer, the mission family separated, refreshed, and feeling that living isolated, and so seldom seeing each other face to face, had a most unhappy effect upon the good work, and upon the feelings we may entertain towards each other. We therefore parted, resolved that our meetings in future should be more frequent, and that such happy, joyous seasons should not henceforth be so few and far between. The *John Knox* sailed during the afternoon, with the re-