

## Our Foreign Mission.

### Letters from Missionaries.

In our last we expressed our hope that we should be able to give our readers, in the present number, some information from the brethren in the New Hebrides Mission field. During the month we have heard from two of the brethren, Dr. Geddie and Mr. Morrison. We have heard of them all, and are happy to say that they are in good health, and engaged in the good work.

Dr. Geddie's letter was unofficial and written hurriedly, and did not contain much news suitable for our columns. We may remark, however, that he speaks of the islands generally, as being in rather a disturbed state, "perhaps more so than at any former period of the mission, and from a variety of causes. There have been some farther collisions between trading vessels and the natives of the group. H M. S. *Falcon* was there at the time on her way to the guilty islands, and he adds, the captain is not very sanguine about being able to bring the offenders to justice. I feel thankful that our mission is not mixed up with these matters."

It farther appears, from private letters received by friends, and also from Mr. Morrison's last letter, that the whooping cough had been introduced into Aneiteum, and with very serious and fatal effects on a considerable number of the children and young people. Lathella had lost a promising boy, so that altogether the missionaries have been kept in a state of much anxiety for some time previous to writing.

From Mr. Gordon and from Mr. McNair we have not heard directly, but we have several letters from Mr. Morrison, which, in whole or in part, we lay before our readers, and let them tell their own tale.

ERAKOR, EFAT, July 8th, 1867.

Rev. Dear Sir,—“I am glad to acknowledge receipt of your first official letter to me, dated from New Glasgow. I am glad the important post which you hold has fallen to the lot of one in whom the missionaries have so much confidence; and I trust that the relation which we thus sustain to each other shall, by the blessing of God, be a pleasant and profitable one.

Let me first make some observations on pecuniary affairs. \* \* \* \* Now, once for all, let me request that one-tenth of my salary be disbursed in Nova Scotia as follows, the whole amounting to £15 10s., N. S. currency —

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You will please remit these sums, *annually*, to the proper quarters, and if, for 1866-7, these remittances have not been made, please make them as soon as possible, and deduct the amount from my salary to be remitted for next year."

I am satisfied with the way in which the Synod, at its meeting in St. John, acted in the Curacao affair. Indeed, I all along expected as much.

I rejoice, with all my heart, that such a harmonious and cordial union has been completed between the churches of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. I rejoice in it because I believe it is a union over which angels sing in heaven for joy. I hope that the gracious Lord who has brought it about, will abundantly bless it to his own glory and the salvation of souls. But why are no missionaries coming out? It is sad to see so many promising blossoms shrivelled up and blasted without fruit. When I left I cherished strong hopes that, ere now, a very strong reinforcement to our numbers would have been made. There were so many young men preparing for the ministry, who had their minds made up to serve the church and her Head in the foreign field. They should ask and search seriously, whether it is at God's bidding or at man's they have decided to remain at home. It is seriously to be feared that this want of heart to forsake home is of man and not of God. Jesus, in his word, said "Go." Has He contradicted Himself in His providence? Has He countermanded His marching orders? No. I believe that Jesus says to many of our young ministers "go"; but the mother says "remain." Ah, ungrateful mother, if you are a christian! Who gave you your son? Who spared him to you? Do you not remember how many times you solemnly made over your child unto the Lord? Lo, He spared him for Himself; but, no; now he must be yours again! Or is it the father who says no? Take heed that you are not planting a thorn in your dying pillow by the deed! As for dyspepsia or any slight ailment brought on by intense study, this is just the place to have it put to rights, where one must take physical exercise.