

ministers in the United States of presenting such a little book at weddings to the newly married pair, and should any of our ministers wish to adopt the practice, they cannot have a better manual than the above.

Of the Board series for youth we notice the following :—

EARLY DAWN, or the conversion of Annie Herbert, a true story. 18 mo. pp. 143. Same publishers.

THE VALLEY OF DECISION, or divine teachings in a boarding school, a true narrative, by Mrs. H. G. Knight. 18 mo. pp. 79. Same publishers.

We notice these together as they are vouched for as true. We regard them as superior to many of the works published which are admitted to be in a greater or less degree fictitious and which have oftentimes while teaching truth an air of unreality about the narrative portions. These we can highly recommend.

THE CAP MAKERS, by the author of Geo. Miller &c. 18 mo. pp. 180. Same publishers.

The motto of this book is "Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land and verily thou shalt be fed," and it is well illustrated in the history of a family of orphans, left to struggle for subsistence, and yet mercifully and kindly provided for by him who feeds the ravens.

THE COINS OF THE BIBLE, and its money terms, by James Ross Snowden. A.M. 18 mo. pp. 72. Same publishers.

This is a very useful little book explaining the value of the various coins mentioned in the word of God, showing their value, illustrating a number of passages in which they occur, and affording information on collateral subjects. We know no place where the same information can be had in such a convenient form.

Our Foreign Missions.

The following Letters contain no recent news from the New Hebrides. They are of an older date than some of those which appeared in our last issue; but they did not reach us till the 16th March. They will be read we are sure with great interest.

LETTER FROM REV. D. MORRISON.

On the 22nd October last, on board the *Dayspring*, as we were commended by the Board, to the grace of God, we togethersang

a few verses of Psalm cvii, ending with the words :—

"Then are they glad, because at rest
And quiet now they be
So to the haven he them brings
Which they desire to see."

On Sabbath 5th June, safely at anchor in the harbour of Aneiteum, in our thanksgiving meeting, we again sung the same verses together with the following :

"O that men to the Lord would give
Praise for his goodness then,
And for his works of wonder done
Unto the sons of men."

Your readers have asked blessings and protection for us on the great deep. The Lord heard and answered. Sure I am that on reading of our safe arrival your thanksgiving will also ascend. But let past mercies only stimulate to more importunity for still greater blessings. Our work is only begun. Then with the Psalmist say :

"I while I live, will call on him
Who bow'd to me his ear."

We had a passage of seventeen days from Sydney to Aneiteum. With wind and weather favouring, we could have run the distance in half the time. The heaviest weather experienced by us since we left Nova Scotia, was when within three hundred miles of our destination. We had there to "lie to," for nearly twenty four hours. The sea was very boisterous. We had to take down the top gallant and royal yards, to ease the vessel of some of her top weight. Thus trimmed, she braved out the gale gallantly, and gave us still more confidence in her capabilities.

Having been in the gale, drifted to leeward of Aneiteum, Tanna was the first land made. We came in sight of it on Saturday. The day was hazy, so the outlines of its rugged landscape could be but dimly seen. It was with deep emotions we gazed on this dark but interesting island, once and again the home of Christian missionaries, but now abandoned of all, excepting "the silent dead!" O may the time to favour Tanna soon come, the time set by the Lord!

On the Sabbath morning we made Aneiteum. Just as we were off the harbour the morning service ashore had ended. We dropped anchor in the harbour about noon.