

each occasion. Mr. Morrison preached in Gaelic at Morpeth and Maitland, and was welcome to those who prefer Gaelic to English. Mr. Gordon preached at Newcastle for Mr. Buin and the Independent minister there. On Monday evening following we had an excellent meeting in Mr. McKenzie's church, and the collection exceeded £20—Lathella spoke a few words and sang a verse or two of "There is a Happy Land" in Aneiteumese at the meeting in Maitland, as well as in Morpeth and Newcastle. The minister of Scots church, Newcastle, is the Rev. Mr. Coutts an eminent linguist, who took a deep interest in our meeting. He wished me to write him from Aneiteum.—He was several years in France, Italy, Belgium, and Switzerland. On the 15th of May I preached for the Rev. J. Gordon of Balmain who was offered £300 per annum if he would carry on the work at Erromanga when the late Mr. Gordon had fallen. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon of same Sabbath I had addressed some hundreds of children in the Rev. W. McIntyre's church—St George's—the largest and finest building in connection with Presbyterianism in Sydney. It was built in the Rev. Dr. McKay's time at a cost of some £15,000 or so. I heard Dr. Steel preach in the morning of that day, the only leisure time I had to hear any of the Sydney brethren. I have referred to this sermon already from the text in John i. 14.

At the meeting in the Masonic Hall Sydney, we were introduced by the Rev. Dr. Steel to Dr. Smith, Professor of Chemistry in the University. Mr. Gordon, Captain Fraser, and I visited the University and were kindly shown through the various rooms by Professor Smith. Having re-ided for some time in Aberdeen he was acquainted with the Rev. R. Sedgwick and was kindly mentioning his name in connection with many pleasing associations. Prof. Smith was not the only one who was inquiring kindly for Mr. Sedgwick. At the Cape and at Melbourne too, there were many old acquaintances who had not forgotten his impressive discourses. I shall not soon forget that sermon which Mr. S. preached in New Glasgow from the text 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' As we passed from one room to another, Dr. Smith explained to us every thing that was interesting, and also performed some very pretty experiments in his laboratory very much to our amusement and satisfaction. A more complete collection of instruments and philosophical apparatus I have not seen surpassed anywhere. Not far from the University we saw the College for students of the Church of England, as well as the Roman Catholic Institution. There is no public library as yet in Sydney. In a former letter we no-

ticed the magnificent Library at Cape Town and Melbourne also.

It was found necessary at Sydney to build a house on deck for the accommodation of passengers and the comfort of the crew. J. H. Goodlet Esq., was very active in carrying out the execution of this object. At our farewell meeting in Sydney many friends were present, and several ministers of various denominations. The Rev. Dr. Steel gave an affectionate and appropriate address with his usual fervid and earnest eloquence. Many shed tears as they parted with us, some no doubt for ever in this world. We shall long remember our Sydney friends. The Rev. Dr. Steel, Rev. Adam Thompson, Rev. W. McIntyre, as well as Dr. Moon, Mr. Goodlet, Mr. D. McIntyre, and many members of other churches we cannot soon forget for all their kindness shown us in many ways.

ARRIVAL AT ANEITEUM—RECEPTION— STATE OF MATTERS AT MR. GEDDIE'S STATION—VISIT TO MR. INGLIS'S STATION.

By the watchful care of a kind and gracious Providence, we have at length reached our destination. What shall we render unto the Lord for all his benefits? Well may we join with David and say, "I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth." Ps. xxxiv. 1.

We left Sydney on the 19th ult., and reached Aneiteum on Sabbath 5th of June about 12 o'clock. Divine service had been entered both in the ship and on the island.—All were glad to see land again, for we had a very tedious and rough voyage from Sydney. The first and last parts of the voyage were the most disagreeable. We were very kindly received by Mr. and Mrs. Copeland, who came off in their boat to welcome us. At 3 o'clock we had thanksgiving services for God's preserving mercies. Mr. Morrison conducted the exercises and the brethren on board bore a part also. On Monday Mr. and Mrs. Inglis came to welcome us and consult as to our future plans and prospects.—We are much delighted with our brethren here and the kind Christian spirit manifested by all. As for Mr. Geddie's house and the Mission premises we were quite surprised, for though we had heard of the taste and beauty of the whole arrangements, we were not prepared for such a reality. The scenery is delightful, the dwelling house very neat, commodious and comfortable, and the ground laid out with much taste and ingenuity. There is no gaudy display but on the contrary simplicity with beauty and comfort with real enjoyment. No wonder that Mr. Geddie considers this his home. No wonder that Captains of ships call at Aneiteum. It did our hearts good to see this dwelling, in this far off island. But it