

shadow of proof that it is not as universal in its application as any other precept contained in the epistle. Nay, the passages expressly guarded against so limited an application. Notice how it is prefaced, "as I have given order in the churches of Galatia even so do ye."

Oh that this blessed rule so heavenly in its origin, so beautiful in its simplicity, and so effective in its operation, were universally adopted. Our collectors would be spared their thankless toil, our congregations freed from their painful heart-burnings and bickerings over accumulating arrears, and our ministers delivered from their distressing embarrassments. The Treasury of the Lord would be filled to overflowing, waste places would be cultivated, and missionaries of the cross sent to every land. God would be glorified, Christ honoured, and the Holy Spirit magnified. Towards the adoption of this rule the church is tending. Large, influential societies for the promotion of systematic Benevolence have been formed both in Britain and America. Through the instrumentality of the press, the platform, and the pulpit, they are enlightening the Church's conscience and swaying the hearts of Christians. What is needed to give efficacy to all such efforts is a Penticostal baptism, in the enjoyment of which Christians shall be instructed more than ever in the "Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ," and feel constrained in this, as well as in other ways, to give thanks "unto God for His unspeakable gift."

Our Foreign Missions.

WE have received no communication from Dr. Geddie since his arrival in Australia. From private correspondence, however, dated Feb. 26, we learn that he has been travelling and speaking, chiefly in the Colony of Victoria, whither the *Dayspring* proceeded, after a short stay of a few weeks at Sydney. His time, we have no doubt, has been fully occupied in connection with the work which is so dear to him.

In and around Geelong, to which the *Dayspring* went, the people have shewn

great interest in the mission. Large meetings have been held, and the numbers of children visiting the *Dayspring* have been almost fabulous. About 3,000 came by train from Ballarat, a distance of fifty-four miles, accompanied by 500 adults, Sabbath School Teachers and friends, and accomplished their object without accident.—Some of the *little party* had never seen the sea or a ship before. Captain Fraser, and Rev. D. McDonald, who has laboured so indefatigably for the mission and for the *Dayspring*, would feel considerably relieved when "it was over."

We are happy to learn that Rev. Mr. Goodwill and lady have arrived in safety, and have met Dr. and Mrs. Geddie at Geelong.

We furnish our readers in the present number with an interesting letter from Mrs. Neilson (Dr. Geddie's second daughter), written in part from Aniwa, Oct. 21st, and concluded at Tanna, Nov. 3rd, at her own home, which will be read with much interest.

The statement of facts given in another column from the *Edinburgh Scotsman*, shews in short compass the character of the traffic so often exposed and condemned by our missionaries as man-stealing, and one more of its direful effects, as seen in the murder of a nephew of the missionary—John Williams.

Private letters have also been received from Rev. J. D. Gordon, from Espiritu, Santo, of date Sept. 15th, and from Portia Bay, Erromanga, Dec. 4th. At both dates and at both places Mr. Gordon was well, and actively engaged in his Master's work.

(Extract of a letter from Mrs. Neilson, dated Aniwa, Oct. 21, 1869.)

We left Erromanga a week ago, bringing Mr. and Mrs. McNair with us to visit the Patons, as Mrs. McNair required a change. Mr. Neilson was appointed to visit around Tanna in the *Dayspring*; but I had made up my mind to remain at Port Resolution while he did so, as I never take a sea-voyage more than I can help; we are all so sick. However, on landing here, Mrs. Paton persuaded me it would be better to remain with her, and everyone thought it an excellent plan, as it is not the pleasantest thing in the world to be alone amongst