

great and holy name, for all His goodness, kindness, and condescension, manifested toward His unworthy servants, engaged in His cause.

In a few days, (D. V.) I leave, in company with Mr J. Copeland, in the *John Knor*, to visit the islands Aniua, Fotuna, Tana, and Erromanga. The Brethren think it proper that I should see the whole mission field, before I should be settled on any part of the field. During our visit to the different islands, we are to collect the mission Brethren, and on our return, bring them to Aneiteum; where we will hold a general consultation, and decide upon our destination.

And now, my dear Friends, let not your interest in the mission flag. You have accomplished a great and glorious work—this is apparent to all who visit this island; but a still greater work remains to be done. A few years your mission has prospered, and met with no reverses. Be watchful, lest continued success beget pride and carelessness. Remember that all success depends upon the Divine blessing; and the blessing depends upon your prayers. If you forget this solemn fact, and become confident of success, saying in your hearts, “is not this the work we have wrought?” God may soon humble you in the dust. Sad and most humiliating results may follow in rapid succession. Forget not that you now have a number of young men upon the field, with comparatively little experience. If our hands are not supported by your prayers, we have every reason to fear that our presence here will not aid the noble cause. If then, you have sympathy for multitudes sunk in brutal degradation, perishing for the lack of knowledge; and respect our Saviour’s last command, cease not to pray for us, and for the success of the sublime mission to the heathen tribes of Polynesia. Permit me respectfully to ask, Do your *closets*, your family altars, prayer-meetings and sanctuaries, bear united testimony to your sincere and deep interest in the regeneration of the benighted men, women and children of the New Hebrides?

Yours, &c.,

SAMUEL F. JOHNSTON.

Rev. James Bayne, S. F. M. B.

Mr. Johnston adds in a postscript:

Mrs. Johnston enjoys good health, and is quite a favourite among the natives. She attends the school with Mrs. G., and is able to render her some assistance.

The natives made a feast to-day, as an expression of joy and gratitude for our safe arrival amongst them for the purpose of instructing the heathen. They also made us a nice present of *taro and fowls*. *Lathella*, the young chief, not being able to attend on account of sickness, sent in a short note, which I forward to you, with the translation. These are pleasing evidences of the influence which the gospel is exerting over their minds.

We have not received any letters from Nova Scotia since we sailed from America. We long to hear from our native land. We are anxious to know what has transpired there since we left. May our first intelligence be an account of a *Revival* among our people. Oh, that the Lord may be pleased to visit you all with a time of reviving from His own presence!

When you mail letters for these Islands the postage must be *paid*, or they will not be forwarded to us. The missionaries think that perhaps some letters have been lost on account of the postage not being paid.

I think mission work on this Island will compare very favourably indeed with anything we saw on Fiji. While our missionaries do not cultivate so extensive a field, they appear to do their work more thoroughly

S. F. J.

#### LETTER FROM REV. P. CONSTANTINIDES.

*Restoration of the Greek Bishop at Brusa—discontent of the people—Mission of the Established Church of Scotland—hopeful prospects.*

DEMIRDESH, Nov. 15th, 1860.

MY DEAR MR. STEWART,—

I always love to hear from my Nova Scotian friends, and I am never so happy as when I am able to answer their kind letters, and give them some interesting and encouraging news concerning the work of Christ amongst us, in which you