

what is for His own glory and our good. Pray for the benighted Indian children of File Hills.

March 15th.—Being eighteen miles from the post office, I have not been able to get your letter posted until this morning. I am pleased to be able to report progress. We received a new boy yesterday, a fine little fellow, we have also two Half Breeds, young men who come in the day time, they are in the first book, but are anxious to learn to read and write. Will let you know how we succeed in future. We have now seven Indians and four Half-Breeds.

MISSION STUDIES.

THIRD PAPER.

Missionary Work in the Islands of the Pacific Ocean.

BY MISS FERRIER, CALEDONIA.

At this meeting you are to hear about Mr. Williams, a very noble and successful Missionary, who, with some others, was sent out by the London Missionary Society in the year 1817, to labour in the South Sea Islands. When they reached the Society Islands, the faithful men who had toiled for sixteen weary years on Tahiti, were reaping the fruit of their labours, and the people on all the islands of the group were eager to be taught.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams settled on Raiatea, one of the largest islands, and at once set to work to learn the language, which Mr. Williams did so soon that in ten months he could speak it better than some who had studied it for years. But he worked as well as studied; he was a very skilful workman, both in wood and iron, and his clever hands proved very useful, for savage nations need to be civilized as well as taught the Gospel. First Mr. Williams built a neat and comfortable house for himself, which he plastered with lime made from coral, so amazing the natives by roasting stones and making them soft; he coloured some of the lime for the inside walls, and there was a green veranda round the house, so that it was very pretty. All the