

teum in good spirits, and evidently on terms of good correspondence with Mr and Mrs Geddie. In a private note to me, Mr Geddie says:—"The friends of Mr Archibald may rest assured that I will do everything in my power for him. He promised, when leaving, to write me, and I will endeavor to cultivate a correspondence with him.

There is much in these circumstances to try our patience and our faith, but let not the friends of the good cause think that they have reason to relax either their exertions or their prayers. The work is accumulating on our hands, and God is able to show us yet that he can make even sad disappointment and severe trial work far better in the accomplishment of his plans of beneficence, than the most prosperous workings of the best laid human schemes.

When we missioned our Agents to go far hence to the Gentiles, we did it knowing they were men, and liable to err.—We committed them to God and to the word of his grace, and if at any time we are disappointed in their conduct and disposed to criminate, let us think of the sacrifices they have made, and the strong claims they have to our most charitable construction of their conduct, and especially to our most fervent and persevering prayers for the enlightening and comforting influences of the Spirit of grace.—Let us stand fast in one Spirit with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel, and keeping prominently in view the royal law written in the Scriptures. "Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so to them.

I am yours truly,
JAMES WADDELL.

Foreign Missions.

The following extracts are from Letters of the Rev. John Inglis to Mr Geddie. Mr I. is a missionary in connection with the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Scotland, and has been for some time in correspondence with Mr G., with a view to co-operation with him in the New Hebrides mission. It is matter of deep regret, that for the present this correspondence has terminated unsuccessfully. In the mean time, Mr G. has transmitted to our B. F. M. the Letters of Mr Inglis, which evidently contain the experience of one who has spared no pains to discover the missionary capabilities of the New Hebrides Group.

The Board at their last meeting entered fully into the views of Mr Geddie as to the importance of the suggestions contained in these Letters, and directed that suitable extracts be printed without delay for the information of the church at large.

Reasons for declining to join Mr Geddie—I have felt no small difficulty in knowing how to act. I felt very desirous to proceed direct and forthwith to the New Hebrides, but my two medical advisers in Wellington, one of whom is a personal friend, wrote me each an earnest remonstrance against proceeding to reside permanently in the New Hebrides, partly on

my own account, but especially on account of Mrs Inglis. I received, while there, two pressing letters from two of the leading members of the Presbyterian congregation of Auckland, to render at least a temporary supply of preaching here, as they had no supply except what the Wesleyans could render them—one service a week. On my arrival here, I found the congregation sadly wrecked and shattered. I agreed to preach for them while I remained. An application was urgently made to me by the office bearers to remain with them for a twelvemonth, till it be seen what may be the result of Mr Panton's return, and if a better feeling might be restored in the congregation here.—The Scotch and Irish Presbyterians, in and around Auckland, number about a thousand, or about one-fifth of the entire population. To leave such a community destitute of the gospel when newly organized, with the best place of worship in New Zealand empty, while able and willing to support the Gospel for themselves; to leave such a field when pressingly invited to enter upon it, appeared a serious question. Besides it appeared probable that I might nevertheless materially aid the New Hebrides Mission, although I did remain here for the present, and I wished to lay before our people at home all the information I had collected, that if dispo-