

teachers on the heathen islands. We were all agreed, with the exception of Mr. Matheson, who took for Tana what he considered a fourth part of all unmarked articles. Among the articles thus appropriated was a box of hardware which Mr Johnston wished me particularly to notice to you. It will be very valuable to our teachers, and the parties who contributed it are entitled to our warmest thanks.

I thank you for the pamphlets &c., which you sent. The most information we get about the Church is from private letters, and this is limited as we are referred to the "Christian Instructor and Missionary Register" which alas! seldom reaches us. My last number of the above is January 1859. I have long since given up hope of receiving the Church's publications.

Mrs. Geddie is well, and busily engaged with her schools. &c. She is at present preparing a small geography in this language, and translating the "Pilgrim's Progress." She unites with me in kind regards to Mrs. McGregor and yourself. Would you please to remember me to Mr. and Mrs. Hunter, to Mr. Robson, and thank Mr. James for the bundle of newspapers which he sent me. Any thing from Nova Scotia we prize here.

I rejoice to hear of the enlargement of your Church. May you prosper spiritually as well as temporally. Pray for us my dear brother that the word of the Lord may have free course and be abundantly glorified on these dark and distant isles of the Sea. Send more missionaries.

Any papers, &c., addressed to the care of Rev. W. Cuthbertson, Sydney, New South Wales, will be forwarded to us.

Ever yours,
JOHN GEDDIE.

TANA.

Our latest news *direct* from Mr. Matheson are dated August 14, 1860. Mr. M. writes under that date, in good spirits. He urges ministers at home to write to the Missionaries at least once a year to cheer their hearts. Two or three natives profess to have renounced the worst features of Heathenism; one of the three is the chief of the district. The attendance on preaching is increasing. The conduct of the chief referred to, "has been most exemplary for the last six weeks; he is anxious to know the word of God and to communicate to others the little knowledge he has acquired."

JOURNAL OF THE REV. S. F. JOHNSTON.

Fromanga, July 23, 1860.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—

The last portion of my journal which I forwarded you, was dated *Fromanga*, where I now resume with a view to inform you of what has occurred on the mission field since that date; and how we have been employed up to the present.

On *Thursday, 12th inst.*, we sailed from Dillon's Bay, and after experiencing heavy seas, head winds, sore trials of the patience, and some of the brethren suffering severely from seasickness, we with much difficulty and exertion made a little harbour on Anoteima, about half way between Mr. Inglis's and Mr. Geddie's stations on Sabbath evening about sunset. The Teacher of the district most kindly received us into his house, and hospitably entertained us. Here we enjoyed most comfortable night's repose, after being tossed from wave to wave for several nights and days on board the little schooner. Oh, what a glorious change has been wrought upon this people by the Gospel. Had we been landed on these shores under similar circumstances a few years ago, it is not at all improbable that those very persons, who now shewed us so much kindness, and made us so comfortable and happy, would have feasted upon our bodies, and made our property their own.

On *Monday* afternoon, we all (Mr. and Mrs. Matheson, Messrs. Gordon, Paton, Copeland and myself,) some by land, and some by sea, reached Mr. Geddie's in safety. After receiving some refreshment and rest, we assembled together for special prayer, praise, and reading of the Scriptures. It was a solemn, pleasing meeting. The earnestness and enlargement in prayer was marked; earnest pleadings for the *oneness* of the mission family; for the comfort and efficiency of each mission-