

station. The number of communicants at each of these stations was 300; or, in other words, all the church members in the island exceed 600. I give the preference to Dr. Geddie's in everything as far as I can judge, except singing, and this proficiency cannot be attributed to Mr. Inglis, for neither he nor Mrs. Inglis are singers. I have heard some of Dr. Geddie's elders and teachers give excellent addresses. I have examined the Sabbath school, and can testify that some of the children acquitted themselves as well as any Sabbath school children that ever I saw, in as far as the tasks were concerned. A word as to the honesty of the natives. We have no fear, although the most tempting things be left exposed to view, that any will be missing. I think that this fact is worth mentioning.

The Mission Council met on the 14th June, 1870, at Aname, Mr. Inglis' station. All the brethren were present except Messrs. Copeland and Gordon, the former detained by troubles and difficulties between the heathen and Christians on Fotuna, his island. We trust that God shall overrule all for the furtherance of the Gospel. Among the business transacted, the Rev. Mr. Cosh was released from his station on Fate for a year, on the plea of Mrs. Cosh's illness. Mr. Cosh is going to Auckland, New Zealand, in compliance with a call from some of the churches there. The Rev. Mr. McNair is requested to take a trip to Auckland, in hopes that by the voyage his health may be greatly recruited. I am to be settled at Cape Lisburne, or the most eligible opening on Santo. Mrs. Goodwill is going to remain at Dr. Geddie's. She will no doubt receive all the attention and care from Mrs. Geddie that possibly can be given, and thus she will escape the difficulties, privations and trials of entering a new station without any proper provision made beforehand. Seeing that this is the best that can be done in the present circumstances, I commit us both unto the care and keeping of the Lord God our Saviour. Dr. Geddie has very kindly invited me to come back from Santo in December, to spend the hot season at his station. I intend to take advantage of this kind offer and do so. The Dr. has also got two young fellows, who are in the meantime going with me to Santo. I trust that all who love Zion, and seek for the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom, will continually remember us in their prayers at a throne of grace. Had I the piety of Dr. Geddie, I would be much better fitted for this arduous work. If I mistake not, he is one of the most pious, if not the best man, that ever I have met with. One thing, however, gives me comfort, and I should rejoice in it, i. e., "The Lord is near unto all that call upon Him," and He will make all things work together for good to them that love Him; so that we may say with the apostle Paul, "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me." May God grant it; to the end that I may find His strength perfected in my weakness, and His grace sufficient for me. In my next I intend to give you some account of my settlement and trip among the Islands. Please send large knives, hatchets, and calico, as Mission goods, if any boxes are sent.

I remain yours,

JOHN GOODWILL.

[Another letter, of five or six weeks later date than the above, has been received from Mr. Goodwill by a friend in Halifax, from which we learn that he is fairly settled in Santo, and at work. We give one or two extracts from it:

"CAPE LISBOURNE, SANTO, Aug. 3rd.

*My Dear Sir,*—I am now settled nicely in my own house after a hard week's labour. We owe this opening in this large Island to a few lads from Santo who had been on the *Dayspring*. One of the most pleasing things about the people is the friendly and trusting way in which they crowd in hundreds about the *Dayspring*, while they shun other vessels as much as possible.

The Rev. Mr. Watt and three of the *Dayspring's* crew, who volunteered