

mosa, a clerico-episcopal visit. Within the last two weeks two new men, new in a sense of distinct and well marked desire to confess Christ's name, have associated themselves with us; so that there are in all at present seven men who may be looked upon as applicants for admission to the church in Formosa. How many of these, however, may be deemed worthy of receiving baptism, will depend on the testimony they shall have borne, and be found bearing when the Amoy pastor arrives. We are longing much for such a visit, and it is only delayed, I believe, by the dangerous state of the weather at this time of the year. The Formosa Channel is at all times an awkward place, and in the typhoon season is a name to inspire dread. Just a fortnight ago, it engulfed, in one of those sudden sweeping storms or cyclones, a vessel and all its living freight, which had left us here two or three days before."

MISSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE LOWER PROVINCES.

LETTER FROM REV. J. GEDDIE.—The December number of the Home and Foreign Record, of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, contains a letter from Rev. J. Geddle, dated "Sydney N. S. W., 16th August." Mr. Geddle mentions that great interest was excited in Australia in behalf of the New Hebrides, and that the Churches there are likely to become eminently missionary Churches. There were no less than eleven missionaries in Sydney for a few weeks. Mr. Geddle was to sail, early after the date of this letter, in the "John Williams"

LETTER FROM REV. W. McCULLAGH.—The Rev. W. McCullagh writes under date 27th August. He states that during the two preceding months an epidemic had visited Aneiteum, which had carried off at least 200 of the population. The Islands had been visited by "The Brisk," one of Her Majesty's Steamers. All was peaceable. In company with the commander and officers of the steamer, Mr. McCullagh had visited the volcano in the Island of Tanna.

SOUTH SEA MISSIONS—SAMOA.

In the December number of the Missionary Magazine of the London Missionary Society, we have several cheering tokens of the progress of the Gospel in Samoa. The missionary collections of several of the churches are given, and they might put to the blush many far richer churches in more forward lands. It is proposed to send eight more Samoan teachers to extend the newly opened mission to the N.N.W. This mission field is becoming the parent of many other missions, viz.: the Loyalty Islands, the New Hebrides, Savage Island, Tokelan, and now the "Ellice," and "Marshall" groups.

General Religious Intelligence.

RITUALISM AND POPERY IN THE ENGLISH CHURCH.

It is sad and painful to hear of the extent to which ritualism and popery are spreading in the English Church. It is stated that there are now in England many churches in which public worship is conducted in such a way that a spectator could scarcely tell whether the worship was popish or not. A letter has lately been addressed to the Bishop of Lon-