

be welcome, but first to those of your own household.

Yours, in ever-during bonds,
J. D. GORDON.

P.S.—*April 7th.*—Mr. Henry has returned previous to his proceeding to Sydney. I am thus induced to add a supplement, as it will be about a fortnight later. By letters from Sydney it appears that Mr. Copeland's health is not improving since he left the island, and that he purposes going to New Zealand for a change, after the *Dayspring* leaves for the islands. Mr. Paton and wife are coming in her.

April 8th.—I received a note from Umow three days ago. As his testimony may be of more value, and more trustworthy than mine, I shall give you a translation of it.

March 27th, 1865.

DEAR MISSI,—

Your health is continued. The Lord keep you. I also am well. The Lord keep me. The men of this place, here, come on the sabbath, several of them, but they do not come for teaching every day—*four*—one boy two, aged men, and one woman. They are taught daily. One man died at this place, here and now they are making lamentation. I was at Potnuma and saw Nereinpour (a teacher there) and Navusia (his wife) on the day, Wednesday. We assembled there. The men there are fighting. In the place there, men of Tana, and men here. They went to kill a man inland. They concealed themselves and shot one man of Tana. They buried him. (That is, others did so.) Nereinpour is sick and unable to remain now. They two think to return to the place here, and abide a little and afterward to return to their own place. The people in the place of Nereinpour are more numerous. Young men and children, and women about twenty. They are taught every day but many men do not want a teacher, the same, in the place of me. All of them do not wish me to build my reed house. Now we are making the reed work. Now it is unfinished. The men of this place here are hard. Now they think of the feasts, and war, and mourning, and more evil many of them like to do. But a few more, they like the Word of Jehovah. One chief remains with me now, named Tavniri but all serve satan. They love darkness. Good will to you Missi. My word is ended.

UMOW.

From Rev. W. McCullagh.

Letters have been received from Mr. McCULLAGH, Aneiteum, dated the 25th March. Mrs. McCullagh had suffered severely from an attack of inflammation of the eyes, but she had recovered. One of their best ser-

vants had been poisoned by eating a poisonous fish. Much sickness had prevailed throughout the island during the month of December. Much of the Missionary's time was spent in dispensing medicine to the natives, and in attending to cuts, wounds, &c. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed on the 5th February. There were 200 communicants. Mr. Inglis' communion was held on the same day. A hurricane had visited the island on the 5th March. The people continue attentive to the means of grace and assemble for public worship even in very stormy weather when the voice of the preacher can scarcely be heard because of the storm. In the gale the schooner *Kate Kearney* had been driven ashore, but no life was lost. The "*John Knox*" was purchased by a Mr. Henry for £150.

Mr. McCullagh states that "several teachers are wanted on Fate. The Tanese are too much engaged with fire-arms at present and do not care for teachers. A favorable impression has been produced on Aniwa since a chief visited Aneiteum and was kindly treated by our people."

Five vessels had called in the harbor in course of the fortnight before Mr. McCullagh wrote.

The *Dayspring* sailed from Sydney, Australia, for the New Hebrides, on the 19th May. Mr. Nevin and wife, from the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Scotland, took passage in her. All connected with the vessel were well.

The Sabbath School.

Sabbath School Lessons for
October.

FIRST SABBATH.

SUBJECT: *Abram and Abimelech.*—Gen. xx.

One peculiarity of Scripture narrative is its fidelity. It records the faults as well as the excellencies of the saints. It represents Abraham as the friend of God and the father of the faithful, but it does not represent him to be faultless. This chapter shows him to have been not merely of like passions with ourselves, but when left to himself weak as other men. His faith could, and did falter, and the usual lamentable results followed.

V. 1.—Circumstances led him to change his residence from Mamre, in the neighborhood of Hebron, and remove farther South to the territory of Abimelech, the