

this will give a final blow to the traffic when once the matter is brought before the Imperial Government. Mr. Goodwill's life was recently in danger from the same cause. 260 men have been taken away from Espiritu Santo during the past year. A boat's crew were murdered by the natives. Some sought refuge at Mr. Goodwill's station, and one taken away by the "Dayspring." Another applied to him for provisions, and he supplied him with as much as he could spare from his store. On departing, they stole four men, and the natives were indignant and demanded reparation.—Our General Assembly have brought the traffic before the Imperial Government.

Something will be done soon, I have no doubt, to stop this nefarious traffic. Meanwhile no vessels arrive from these islands without bringing accounts of violence and murders in retaliation by the natives, who have been so cruelly wronged.

Bishop Patteson devoted himself and his fortune to the Mission, and has left, by will, the whole of his property to the same object.

I hope, by the time the new Missionaries arrive, that their residence in the New Hebrides may be safe, and that their work may not be hindered by this Labour traffic.

I am intending to visit Melbourne next month, and expect to see the "Dayspring" on her arrival. I trust the necessary funds for her repair may be obtained. The expense is indeed great; but what would be done without her now, when the commerce of these seas has been taken up by vessels that have entered into a traffic so opposed to the interests of Missions.

I have read with interest the proceedings of your Synod, and notice with pleasure the appointment of my old friend, Mr. McKnight, to the Chair of Theology. When you see him, please give him my congratulations. I am yours sincerely,

ROBT. STEEL.

#### Brisbane.

ARRIVAL, Nov 14—Lyttona, from South Sea Islands, with 66 natives.

The schooner Lyttona, just returned from a cruise among the S. S. Islands, brings sixty-six natives. She reports that on the 14th October went ashore on Cape Lisbon, and visited a missionary named Goodwill. This gentleman stated that, two months previous, a boat's crew, consisting of two white men and four Chinamen, were murdered, also that a Piji cutter had lately visited the place, the name of which he unfortunately could not remember, and being short of provisions he supplied them with what he could spare, in return for which kindness the crew stole four men, the result being that the natives came to him demand-

ing reparation. The inhabitants of this island were very ferocious, and no wonder, too; and it was afterwards ascertained that some of them were in waiting close to where the Lyttona's boat had landed, with the intention of seizing any boat they could in revenge for the outrages that had been committed on them. Mr. Goodwill stated that about 260 men had been recruited from this island during the course of the last twelve months.—*Brisbane Courier*, Nov. 15.

#### The Outgoing Missionaries.

We have received letters from both of the Missionaries of our own Church, who are now on their way to Australia. Rev. Mr. McKenzie writes from

LIVERPOOL, LAWRENCE HOTEL,  
Dec. 16th, 1871.

We are back again safely to Liverpool, having spent a month very pleasantly, and I trust profitably between the three cities, Glasgow, Edinburgh and London. We have been very busy since we returned, getting our mission goods &c., down to the dock. *Great Britain* is the name of the steamer in which we are going: we engaged our passage in her before leaving Liverpool at all. I am happy to inform you that the agents favoured us very much. The price of the state room we engaged is a hundred and twenty guineas, but they have given it to us for a hundred pounds. We have also been very much favoured by the gentlemen of the Allan line of steamers. They took charge of our boxes when we were away, putting them in their own warehouse, and they sent their men to stow them away, and to put them on a truck when we were taking them away all free of charge. Our visit to Glasgow especially was a very pleasant one, inasmuch as we met there with so many persons who took a deep interest in us as well as in the cause to which we have devoted ourselves. Indeed, the Reformed Church there could not have treated us more hospitably had we been their own missionaries. They not only gave us their prayers and sympathies, but also tangible proofs of their deep interest in us. They held a meeting to take farewell of us, at the close of which they placed in our hands three purses, each containing eighteen sovereigns. We also received a great deal of kindness from a few members of the United Presbyterian and Kirk Churches. In looking back over the time since we left home we have been realizing the promise of our blessed Master, "Lo I am with you." We have, to a small extent at least, been enjoying the light of His countenance. May the past be but a foretaste of a bright future, and may the past goodness of our dear