

on account of what the Lord has done may be found following her in the footsteps of that Savior, who alone can bind up the broken hearted—who alone can comfort those who mourn in Zion,—and while drinking the very bitter cup which our wise and unerring Father has mingled for us—may we find consolation in the hope of soon rejoining her, and of being forever associated with her in that land, where none say, I am sick,—where death cannot enter—where none mourn the loss of dearly loved ones—where the redeemed go no more out—but where we shall be forever with the Lord. Still soliciting an interest in your prayers,—

I remain, yours very truly,

J. W. MATHESON.

Rev. James Bayne.

The following extract of a letter from Mrs. Geddie in regard to the proposed orphan school, will be read with interest:—

“Our Natomarids (high chiefs) are getting a building put up, intended for a boy’s boarding and school house, we say the chiefs, but the chief here was the mover and is taking all the responsibility; he is however backed by good Abraham, Nasivi, and Nasauai. Lathella’s people and the people from Abraham’s land are going on with the building, the lime is burnt and a good part of the wood cut and some brought out of the forests. Papa highly approves of the project, and hopes it will succeed. Lathella is determined to carry it, and from proper motives, as he thinks, that if the boys are not looked after, they will become an injury to the Mission work upon this island, being very numerous in our district, and many of them smart little fellows. Our plan is to have a home for the boys and a good steady couple to live with them. The two school-rooms will be under the same roof with the dwelling-house, which will consist of a sitting or dining-room and a sleeping-room. Girls and boys will be together during school hours, the smaller ones being in separate apartments from the larger ones, but when school is out, the girls come into their own *i. e.*, our yard, and the boys go to work under the care and direction of some efficient person. After having worked, they will be allowed some play time, but still they will not be left alone. There is to be a plantation commenced immediately, so that by the time the building is ready there will also be some food to begin with, and we hope that with a little assistance from their friends, the boys will be able to feed themselves, as they will employ a portion of their time every fine day in working at their plantations. I also purpose getting seed from Sydney to encourage them in raising vegetables. The whole thing is intended not merely to instruct them during study hours, but to teach them industry and self-dependence. Lathella who will take the oversight of all, will *irgui* (beg) old boxes from Papa, out of which the little boys can manufacture stools and such articles, while we shall *irgui* tools and nails from friends at home. There will also be a large play ground and garden attached to the building, which will be erected in a pretty spot, behind Lathella’s premises. Mrs. Johnston is to be the head teacher and have charge of the school in connection with a native, whom she will train to take her place when she leaves. If you can procure us any useful school materials, they will be very acceptable indeed—anything that we can give as rewards, such as knives, &c.’”

OTHER MISSIONS.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS. Amid all the anxieties and destructions of a fierce civil war this Board still carries on the great work of Christian Missions to the heathen. Its recent anniversary at Springfield was one of the largest ever held

under its auspices—larger even than the Jubilee Meeting at Boston last year. It was as encouraging as unexpected to find that in spite of the derangements caused by the war the Board had incurred a debt of only *eleven thousand dollars*, while many friends anticipated that