

the heart grow fonder." Do not think I take no interest in my native land. Every thing concerning it is interesting to me. We have not yet heard from our dear Charlotte. I cannot express to you how I feel when I think of being obliged to part with her. I do not think I can go through the same trial again. When you write dear C., urge her to improve her time: I trust she will: and she has pretty fair talents if she only exercises them. I trust my dear relatives and friends are not wasting their precious time and talents on fashion and folly. Our time here below is too short to squander in this way, and how much more honorable and happy would they be to spend their allotted time in endeavoring to promote the cause of Christ."

*Remarks on the foregoing by the Rev. J. Waddell.*

The letters from which these, and the extracts in the last month's Register are taken, were addressed by Mr and Mrs Geddie to their immediate relatives and friends; but have been kindly forwarded to me to extract for the information of the church such portions of the intelligence they contain as may appear generally interesting. Mr G.'s letter was miscarried in the transmission, or extracts would have been furnished in last month's Register. The summary was drawn up from recollection, without comparing with Mr A.'s previous correspondence. It may be that I have taken passages that were not expected to reach the public eye; but they will all be read with much interest; and all taken together suggest many important reflections.

1. God has dealt graciously with our missionaries, whereof we are glad. Mrs G. has escaped without suffering from the sickly season. Mr G. was but slightly affected by the disease, and was in a great measure recovered, while Mr and Mrs Archibald, who had been more severely visited, were well.

2. The Lord of the harvest is giving testimony to his word at the mouth of our missionaries, and the good word seems to be falling into the ground, from which an abundant harvest may confidently be anticipated. Missionary enterprises of far greater pretensions and much more likely in human estimation to succeed in extending the knowledge of the Saviour, have not secured so much of the divine countenance as has been vouchsafed to our little band of pioneers in the New Hebrides

Islands. Let us thank God and take courage. It is no small token of the good will of him that dwelt in the bush, that we have native houses, houses of prayer, and native agency employed in the work of the Lord.

3. The work, though favorably commenced, is but begun. "A great door and effectual is opened unto" our missionaries, "and there are many adversaries." "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

4. The circumstance of Mr Geddie mentioning that Mr and Mrs Archibald would probably remain till the return of the John Williams, does not authorize the conclusion that they will then leave the mission. Before that time they will in all probability ascertain that our Board of Missions has cheerfully concurred in Mr Archibald's withdrawal of his resignation, as stated in his letter published in the July No. of the Register of last year. Instructions to this effect were forwarded soon after the receipt of Mr A.'s letters, and though there is reason to fear that our letters may have been miscarried, they can hardly fail to obtain a knowledge of our views upon the subject, before, or at the latest by the return of the missionary ship. For fear of the miscarriage of former letters, we have written very lately, and the Register is regularly sent. It would seem that Mr A. was waiting to hear from our Board to decide the question whether he should remain, and we have done every thing to encourage his heart and strengthen his hands in the work. His salary has been increased, and we have recommended that he be ordained a missionary, as soon as practicable and for edification. He expressly says, I have now resolved to remain as long as it is the pleasure of the Board to retain me, or at least until as many ordained laborers can be obtained as will absorb the funds of the mission.

5. While the friends of our missionaries and missions should listen favorably to complaints for lack of letters and intelligence from home, and, write at least occasionally; it may be gratifying to know that letters from various quarters have been forwarded, and probably only delayed in Sydney. The like remark will apply to the various boxes of clothing, &c., which have been despatched, and which when received will supply to Mrs Geddie