

sion family left their station as long as we have done, and on their return found every thing so entirely to their satisfaction. After nearly four years of sailing and sojourning elsewhere, like Noah's dove, finding no rest to the sole of our foot, we are fully disposed to say, on our return here, "There is no place like home." Thanks be to the Lord who has so mercifully watched over us, both by sea and land, during all our wanderings, and has brought us back in life and health to resume our labours, and that under circumstances in many respects so encouraging. William's health, I am thankful to say, appears to be all but established. He has received a most cordial welcome from his friends and fellow-countrymen. We feel thankful that he is again in his own land, and among his own people in life, and in the enjoyment of such a fair measure of good health. The natives are taking up the cultivation of cotton with great spirit; the first seed was planted yesterday.

The *John Williams* confirmed the painful rumours we had heard in Sydney, that a fleet of Peruvian slavers had carried away at least 500 of the Christian natives in the eastern groups; in some cases they got them on board under false pretences, and in others they drove them into their boats at the point of the bayonet. They have taken them away to work in the guano pits and in the silver mines. The French and British men-of-war are now on the look out for them. The French have seized some of the vessels.—This is one of the most aggravated cases of slaving that I know of in modern times.—May the Lord arise in behalf of the oppressed.—Yours, &c.,

JOHN INGLIS.

MRS. GEDDIE TO HER CHILDREN.

The latest interesting event is the opening of the children's new School-house.

The building has two schoolrooms, and a large apartment for little orphan boys from a distance, who are to live in the house.

The largest schoolroom is fitted up with three rows of seats and desks, facing the teacher. The walls are hung round with pictures and maps.

The other room has seats rising one above another, for the *wee ones*. It also is ornamented with pictures in natural history.—Mrs. Johnston has charge of the whole school, but Nuruopoor teaches the little ones. He is a very clever lad. I wish you could see them all in school, they are so orderly. Mrs. Johnston is very fond of them and they of her. She is an excellent teacher.

Lathella will take charge of the orphans. He has engaged a young man to live with them, but he will superintend and see that all rules are observed. The orphans cannot

be taken in at present, as the food planted for them is not yet ripe. Lathella collected the chiefs, and proposed the subject of the school and orphan house to them, and his own people have worked well at it. He talked of it long before Mrs. J. came, and intended to teach himself. When Mrs. J. heard of it she told him if he would get up the house she would teach the children.

At our Missionary meeting this year the children assisted, and we tried to make it as interesting to them as possible. All the children in this district collected in one yard, on the morning of the meeting, and were arranged in procession by Lathella and the teachers. Our Ella headed the girls and carried a pretty white flag, ornamented with flowers. Selwyn, Lathella's little son, walked before the boys with a flag. The people stood on each side of the road. Lathella led the way into the church. The children were all seated in the centre, and their flags planted among their bags of arrow-root, which were neatly piled up in the midst. The people followed after the children were seated. Mr. Copeland addressed the adults, and your father the youth.

At the close of the last address at a sign from Lathella, the children all rose and sang a missionary hymn, which I had prepared for the occasion. The people were taken quite by surprise at this. Indeed the whole was very pretty and interesting, all were so neat and clean and attentive.

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Mrs. Geddie's debility has curtailed her correspondence with her friends of late, and we have not been able to gratify our readers with the productions of her pen as both we and they could wish. We have obtained the foregoing extracts of letters to her children which will be read with deep interest.

Only think of such a school, and such a missionary meeting, where so recently pagan idolatry prevailed. Surely amid all our trials we may thank God and take courage. Mrs. Geddie's latest news is of the approaching marriage of Mr. Copeland and Mrs. Johnston.

Religious Intelligence.

Jews Receiving the Gospel.

The following interesting information we take from the correspondence of the *British Messenger*. It is from the pen of Dr. Weir,