

of Christ to preach the gospel to "every creature," and the gracious promise annexed "Lo, I am with you," with his faithful servants to bless, encourage and protect them, the duty of going, at least to the lowest order of savages, might be questionable. But the Word of God, as well as the history of christian Missions, warrants us to conclude that the gospel is as much designed for the ferocious cannibal of the New Hebrides as for nations civilized to some extent. Let us enter Tana then, to attack another stronghold of heathenism, looking to God for help. In this sacred enterprise let us bid adieu to fears and doubts, and in the use of all the means at our disposal aim at the overthrow of Satan's domination in that dark island. With Omnipotence on our side we must and will prevail. The fact that the gospel has been received on Aneiteum will tend to facilitate its introduction to neighbouring islands. The time was when our neighbours looked upon this island with consternation, and they expected that christianity would bring down on the devoted Aneiteumese the vengeance of their *Natmasses* and every dreaded calamity. But these anticipated evils have not befallen this island, and christianity has brought with it many temporal advantages which natives can appreciate. The impression is now going abroad among neighbouring islanders that their own deities cannot inflict harm, and that the gospel is powerful to bless. As the work of evangelization advances on these islands the difficulties and dangers of missionary enterprise will diminish. Christianity, which has hitherto been dreaded as an evil, will be hailed as a blessing. May the time soon come when all the islands of this large and populous group shall be subjected to the dominion of Christ.

APPEAL FOR BOAT.

I inclose in this letter the copy (a duplicate) of an appeal prepared by Mr Inglis and myself to our respective Churches, for aid to procure a small vessel for the Mission. The object is sufficiently stated in our paper, so that I need not enlarge. I hope that it will meet with your approbation, and with the generous support of the friends of the Mission. Such an appendage to the Mission, while it would afford the means of safe and frequent communication with missionary brethren and teachers, would also enable us to extend our operations. The cause of Missions indeed cannot ra-

pidly advance in these islands without the means of communication.

I must now conclude. Pray for us, dear brethren, that the word of the Lord may have free course and be abundantly glorified in this dark land.

I remain, very sincerely,

Your's, &c.,

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A SHORT SKETCH

OF THE LIFE AND LAST DAYS OF MARY ANN, ONE OF THE EARLY CONVERTS IN THE ANEITEUM MISSION, BY MRS. GEDDIE, AS CONTAINED IN A LETTER TO THE REV. J. WADDELL.

When we commenced our labours among this people Mary Ann was a young thoughtless heathen. She was a very interesting looking girl, and being a high chief, the only female chief on the island, I was anxious to have her with me when I should commence my boarding school. Several times she came and promised to live with me, but after remaining a day or two I would see no more of her for some time.

One morning her parents came to our house, bringing as a present a large basket of breadfruit, and asked us if we would take their daughter and take charge of her, urging as their reason for this application, that they were afraid the foreigners would take her to live with them.

We told them we were anxious to get a number of promising girls to live in our family, that we might instruct them, and would take her as they desired. As the parents were heathen they could not appreciate our motives, but they wished her to remain with us, and said she was to be our child, and from that time they called her so.

For some months after Mary Ann came to live with us she continued to be very thoughtless and unsteady, often going away and staying several days.—One evening I called her and Mary, her companion, who also lived with us, into my bedroom, and had a long conversation with them. I told them I was grieved to see them so thoughtless, especially Mary Ann, and added that I had left my own home that I might teach them the Word of God, and had parted with my own child, who was very dear to me, that I might remain among them. I said I should never regret leaving my home and friends, and parting with my child,