

hopes to do more for the cause of Christ in these islands than he has yet attempted.

You will be glad to hear that a movement in favor of Foreign Missions has begun in New South Wales. The Rev Mr Murray of Samoa, has been there for some months, pleading the cause of the heathen, and he has not appeared in vain to the Christians of that colony. The following extract from a letter which I lately received from him, will give you some idea of the movement in New South Wales:—

“We met with a very cordial reception from the friends here, and have been very kindly treated by them; and what is best of all, our efforts to awaken an interest in the mission, have been successful to a most gratifying extent. Great things have been accomplished. Upwards of £1000 has been raised; a new society has been formed, and a movement is now in progress, which I doubt not will lead to great results. Two MISSIONARIES have already been sent for, to be placed on some part of the New Hebrides, and supported by the friends here, and to be in some sense their missionaries. The new society is at present auxiliary to the London Missionary Society. An independent society, however, will, I think, soon take its place, which will embrace all the congregational churches in this and the neighboring colonies of Victoria and Van Dieman's Land. It is thought that as much might be raised in Melbourne as has been raised here. On the whole, I think there is now a fair prospect that the New Hebrides will be taken up by yourselves, and Mr Inglis' church, and the friends here, as fast as we shall be able to pave the way. You, I think, will soon be able to extend your operations to TANA; and the agents of our friends here may commence on Fata, should that appear desirable, and extend northward. I should think your body and that of Mr Inglis might manage the whole of the southern group. What think you?”

I have also received a letter from the Rev. Mr Clark of Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, dated February 5th, 1853, in which he gives an account of an interesting mission lately undertaken by the Hawaiian churches, from which make the following extract:—

“But I took my pen to say a word about the new mission to Micronesia. Those are islands lying a little north of the line, and nearly north of your islands. I have recently returned from a voyage to these islands, to aid in establishing the mission. The mission consisted of three families from the United States, and two Hawaiian families—Rev B. S. Snow, A. A. Sturges, and L. H. Gulick. Mr Gulick is a son of the Rev P. J. Gulick of this mission. Micronesia embraces the Kingsmill

islands, the Caroline group, and other islands in that vicinity. We first touched at the Kingsmill group. We found things, on the whole, favorable for the establishment of a mission. We next visited Strong's island, and found the king and people desirous that a mission family should stop there. We decided to occupy that island with one family from the United States, and one Hawaiian family, Rev B. G. Snow and wife, and Opanui and wife. The king appeared well and much pleased with the missionaries. Our next visit was to Ascension or Bouabe, still further west. We left the remainder of our company at the south harbor of this island, with good prospects before them. The chief seemed pleased, and promised every necessary protection. Idolatry does not exist at Strong's island or Ascension; but the people have little or no knowledge of Christianity. The islands in that vicinity are small but promising fields, I think, of missionary labor. They are, I think, nearer to you than to us; and are sometimes visited by vessels from Sydney and that vicinity. It would be pleasant if they could open a correspondence with you. Much interest has been taken in the mission by the people of these islands. We have formed a missionary society, called the Hawaiian Missionary Society. About \$8,000 have been contributed to its funds here at this island; and we feel encouraged to go on in the work of extending the gospel to other islands of the Pacific.

We are now taking vigorous measures also, to support the gospel at these island independent of the American Board. We have become a Christian nation; and we hope ere long to support our own Christian institutions. Churches of foreigners are also growing up at the islands to aid in this work.”

How cheering to see a distant colony whose domestic claims are so very urgent, and a small nation which has just emerged from the darkness of heathenism, coming out so nobly and so generously in the foreign mission cause. These are surely favorable signs of the times, and indicate that the time to favor the dark places of the earth draweth nigh. I trust that these examples may provoke others to love and to good works.

I must now bring my letter to a close. I trust the interest of the church at home does not diminish in the missionary work. How it would cheer us to see one or more missionaries from Nova Scotia. Do not delay in sending help while so many in these dark lands are going down unwarned into perdition. I trust that you will be able to find right hearted men willing to sacrifice the endearments of home, and to come “far