

Every thing is growing splendidly now. I have been gardening for two or three days. We can have radishes all the year round. Our spring Radishes, Lettuce, cress, &c, have gone to seed, but I have a young crop coming on. We have squashes and pumpkins ripe; melons and cucumbers are coming on. We hope to have a variety of fruit trees, such as oranges, lemons, citrons, peaches, mulberries and custard apples. The citrons are fruiting this year; the peaches also will have a few. The mulberry grows quite a large tree. It is both pretty and useful. The fruit is about the size of a field strawberry. When ripe it looks very like a bramble, and is quite sweet. When not quite ripe it makes very nice tarts; it bears fruit the greater part of the year and is very easily cultivated; it grows quickly from the slip and bears fruit soon after it takes root. I have garden strawberries also. I think they will do well with a little care. We shall be able to get all kinds of seed and fruit trees from New Zealand. The Cape gooseberry will also do well here. I have some already bearing fruit. It is a low spreading shrub, the fruit is enclosed in a kind of bag and resembles our yellow smooth gooseberry and makes an excellent preserve. But do not suppose I spend all my time in the garden, it is only when I have leisure and wish a little recreation that I thus employ myself.

We are kept very busy with schools, &c. We all go to school in the morning, baby and all. We meet in our new church, the women occupy one end and the men the other. I have the females divided into classes, and my boarding school girls, who are now quite capable, teach them. Lucy, too, has her class of little girls. I superintend, and assist Lucy with her class. Elizabeth and John W. sit on a mat and amuse themselves. After the lessons are over, a small bell is rung, when every book is shut; the Rarotongian teacher then asks questions from the catechism and all answer together. When the lessons are over we leave the school and return home and have worship and breakfast. By the time breakfast is over, school is out and I am ready to attend the women who write.

If there isn't the John Williams, and she will be in, in the morning! We had no expectation of seeing her for two or

three weeks. I must write nearly all night; it is too calm for her to come in to night, but she will be in early in the morning, I must go on with my Ancestral news.

Our new church was opened on the ——— Mr and Mrs Inglis were with us on the occasion and the ordinance of the Lord's Supper was dispensed. We had eleven new members, another one of my boarding school girls joined; four of them are now church members.

There was a great gathering of people from different parts of the island, at the opening of the church. Persons met there as friends, who had never before met but as deadly enemies on the field of battle. A great change has indeed taken place among this people. The natives were very much struck themselves at the meeting, with the change that had taken place; and several remarked to me that nothing but the power of God could have caused it. Our church is a pretty large building, it will hold 500 people. The people are delighted with it, they say they are surprised that they have been able to make so great a house. It stands in a very pretty situation, and looks very well, especially from the harbor. Our place looks quite like a little village. We have the best situation in the harbor.

The natives are all in a state of excitement, and they will not sleep to night; they are always so delighted to see the John Williams.

The John Williams sails again this day, so I must conclude in haste. Our dear friends, Mr and Mrs Murray are here, also a missionary and his wife from Rarotonga. Good bye, as I must finish a letter to dear Charlotte.

Your affectionate Sister,

CHARLOTTE.

Our Readers will learn from the report of Synod news, what is the nature of the application referred to last month, in the notice of meeting of the Board of Foreign Missions. Mr Gordon is a native of Cascumpeque, has studied for some years past both at the West River Seminary, and the Free Church Academy, and has labored with much acceptance for some time past as city missionary in Halifax, and is likely to prove, at the close of his theological course at our Institution, an able as well as faithful and zealous missionary in the foreign field.