

in public and private. By the advice of the Session I did not hold many public meetings for religious exercises, and this they recommended from the fact, that they were in the middle of Hay Harvest—and also that in their apprehension visiting the members privately might in present circumstances be a more profitable and desirable work. Guided by their opinion I preached twice each Lord's day, and once during the week at Mabou and Port Hood respectively. The rest of my time was chiefly taken up in private visitation.— Along with the Rev. Mr. Miller I visited about thirty families, catechising where it could be done—in every case specially addressing the parents and engaging in prayer. My visits were I thought well received by all, and to some I am convinced they were seasons of both pleasure and profit.

While within the bounds of that congregation, I experienced much kindness, and they seemed very grateful for the Presbytery's past attention, and very solicitous for an increased amount of its superintendance; and such appeared to be their anxiety in this matter, that I felt happy in

being able to state, that it was probable another member of Presbytery would visit them during the month of September.

My views in regard to the congregation of Mabou and Port Hood are well and correctly expressed in the report of the brethren, Messrs Campbell and Patterson, as given in the Register of Sept. last. The convictions of these brethren are my convictions, and their plans as to supply would be mine. In conclusion I would urge upon this Presbytery the duty of giving to that section of our church as much of their attention as possible. It appears to me that they need, and I am convinced that they would be truly grateful for it.

Besides the above services I preached at Plaster Cove, on the evening before I left the Island.

G. WALKER.

P. S. The congregation of Primitive Church, New Glasgow, have paid the expenses incurred on my mission. I may add that the people of Mabou were when I left making a collection toward our Home Mission Fund.

G. W.

Foreign Missions.

VOYAGE OF THE JOHN WILLIAMS.

By the letters from our Missionaries already published, our readers are aware, that the Missionary vessel, during the months of September and October 1849, visited the various islands of the New Hebrides and New Caledonia groups. The August No. of the Missionary Chronicle contains copious extracts from the journals of the Rev. Messrs. Murray and Hardie, the deputation on board of her, appointed to visit the various stations on these islands. We give in our present No. the account they give of the state of matters in Aneiteum, and will probably give the remainder of their journal in our next.

ANEITEUM.

PROGRESS OF THE MISSION.

We had the high satisfaction of finding our esteemed friends, Messrs. Geddie and Powell, and their families, well, and pursuing their important labours in circum-

stances decidedly encouraging. Mr. Powell had just recovered from a severe and prolonged attack of illness, and all the other members of the Mission, with the exception of Mr. Geddie and the ladies, had had attacks more or less severe. At the time of our arrival, however, all were in good health.

We were delighted with the external indications of progress, that met the view as we drew near the shore. A group of three or four plastered houses, on this dark and desolate land, including a neat little temple for the worship of the living and true God, was a cheering sight. Our friends, with the assistance of the Samoan Teachers and their wives, have succeeded in erecting a dwelling house and chapel. Both are small, but neat, and pretty substantial. Mr. and Mrs. Powell we found still occupying the house built by the Teachers before the brethren arrived. We were glad to find, on meeting with our brethren, that some progress had been made in directly missionary work as well as in matters external and preparatory—