

pense, that that lamented missionary fell. Our church has been the first to occupy any portion of the group, and we trust, that God will yet honor her to be the first to erect the standard of the cross on the blood-stained shores of Erromanga.

The remarks of Mr. Geddie regarding missionaries going out will, we trust, be pondered by ministers and preachers. We are happy to say that Mr. Gordon is proceeding with his trials for license, and that he will in all probability soon be licensed. The question will then come up for final decision as to his being accepted and sent out, and will probably be determined at the meeting of synod. But what of another? Is he to go alone? We trust, however, that even should he be without an associate from our church, he will not be alone, but that the Rev. Mr. Duncan of the Reformed Presbyterian church may feel it his duty to en-

ter upon the New Hebrides field, and that thus they may go forth "two and two."

Mr. Geddie acknowledges in this letter the receipt of a box of Mission goods sent *viz* Melbourne, and returns thanks to the members of the church for their liberality. It has unfortunately happened however, that it had been considerably damaged by having been wet, as Mr. Geddie supposes, through exposure on the wharf at Sydney. A considerable supply of Mission goods is now on hand, and we would suggest, that as the John Williams will likely be leaving England to return to the South Seas by the end of this year or beginning of next, it would be desirable that congregations and individuals who may be disposed to aid the Mission cause in this way, should have their contributions ready to be forwarded by this conveyance.

## Foreign Missions.

EXTRACTS OF A LETTER FROM MR. GEDDIE, DATED 23d OCTOBER, 1854.

### MORE MISSIONARIES.

The Rev. Messrs. Creagh and Jones and their wives were passengers in the "John Williams." They have recently come from England to labor in these islands, and are supported by a society which has been formed in New South Wales. We were glad to welcome these dear brethren and sisters, and they have our best wishes and prayers for their success in the rugged field which they have come to occupy. Their destinations were not settled when the ship was here. It was originally intended that they should occupy Erromanga, but the probability is that they will settle on Mare or Lifu. You will rejoice to hear that a missionary society has lately been formed in Melbourne and undertaken the support of two missionaries in the New Hebrides. Application has been made to the Foreign Mission Society for the men, and they may be expected by the return of the "John Williams" from England, per-

haps before. It is expected that Van Diemand's Land and other places will also do some something for the evangelization of these islands. But there is room for all. Fifty missionaries would find more than scope for their energies on the New Hebrides group alone. I trust that the noble spirit displayed by the Australian colonies may provoke us, as a church, to love and to good works.

### VOYAGE OF THE JOHN WILLIAMS.

I cannot give you any account of the present missionary voyage of the John Williams among the islands of this group as Aneiteum was the first place at which she called, and she does not return again. Instead of heading up to this island against the trade winds, she will, after completing the visitation of the islands, steer south until she passes beyond the region of the trades, and make her casting in the variable latitudes. The captain is unusually rapid in his movements during the present voyage, in order that he may be able to double Cape Horn, on his way to England, at a favorable season. He will take with him a precious and tender