

well, but his heart was set on going; and both Mrs. Neilson and I thought it best for him to go, as we knew he would be miserable until he knew how the new Missionaries were settled. And he was glad that he went, for he had the gratification of seeing his own station well filled up.

I propose remaining in Geelong at present, as I have many kind friends here; and Ella is attending school, and it would not be well for her to be removed. It is cheaper living here than in a larger city, and I prefer the quiet here.

My dear Mr. McGregor, I feel that I am now dependent on the Board. I would not willingly be so, were I strong; but, while enjoying pretty good health, I am far from being strong, and cannot bear exposure or fatigue. I was glad that I was pretty well when my dear husband returned, and was able to nurse him; but the six weeks of constant watching and anxiety have told on my health, and I am not nearly so well as I was; but I trust I shall get stronger when I get out more.

Ella also is well. Her dear papa's death affected her health also, but she is now better.

I am trying to live as economically as possible, that I may not be any unnecessary expense to the mission. I have a native man and woman (Aneiteumese), but the two are less expense than even a small white servant would be here.

I shall hope to hear from you soon; and although my dear husband, your Missionary, has gone to his rest and his reward, and I am out of the Mission field, *my heart is there*, and I would rather be there than here, could I stand the climate.

After my dear husband's second attack, he was quite unable to converse on any subject, as his mind was very much confused; and his memory for words had so failed, that I could with difficulty understand him, and did not encourage him to converse, as he became quite excited on trying to collect his thoughts, and remember the words he wished to express himself in, but he was often in prayer; and we feel that he is with Jesus. He devoted himself to His Master's service and now he is with Him!

And I feel thankful for his sake that it is so; for had he lived and been unable to labour, in the cause he loved, he would not have been happy. Our loss is his gain; and we must, and I trust we are enabled to say, "Thy will be done O Lord."

With much love to Mrs. ——— and family and especially to my little name sake.

I am,

Yours ever sincerely,

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BIOGRAPHICAL.

Dr. Geddie was born in Banff, but while he was quite young, his parents emigrated to Pictou, N. S., where he received his Common School and Collegiate education. He studied theology under Rev. Dr. McCulloch, and, along with Rev. J. Campbell of Sherbrook who was taken from us three months before him, was licensed as a Preacher, when only 21 years of age. He was ordained Pastor of the United Congregation of Cavendish and New London, P. E. I., in 1838. While he was a faithful Pastor and zealous Home labourer, his deep interest in Foreign Missions which shewed itself when he was a Student, now led him privately and publicly to advocate their claims among his people and co-Presbyters. In 1843 he brought the subject before Synod, and before three years had passed, the period of earnest discussion, of searching inquiry, and preliminary organization had passed, and Dr. Geddie was the voluntary and accepted Missionary of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, and sailed for the New Hebrides in the fall of 1846 from Halifax, and subsequently from Boston, intending to follow the leadings of Providence, and to raise the Standard of his Master on some heathen Island in the Loyalty or New Hebrides group, the isle of Pines in the former group, being more especially in view. He arrived in the Samoas in Oct., 1847, and landed in Aneiteum to take his stand there, May 19th, 1848.

It is no part of our present design to describe, or even to outline his work there, during those years of toil and anxiety which followed, before the healing power of the Sun of Righteousness, had sensibly affected the dark places of Aneiteum, and its habitations of cruelty. The darkness and cruelty were first made visible, and the grand conflict between light and gloom, good and evil commenced. The crisis was at length passed. Rev. John Ingiis responding to Dr. Geddie's invitation, came to his aid from New Zealand, at a critical juncture; and through their joint labours the Aneiteumese have become a christian people, and on eight islands of the group, under ten christian Missionaries and many native assist-