

now do for poor Tana, and that is earnestly to pray to God that "the day-spring from on high may yet visit its inhabitants, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide their feet into the way of peace." Let the church avail herself of this resource—let her wait upon God humble, earnest, believing, and persevering supplication, and the dark clouds that now hover over that island will be dispersed, and "the sun of righteousness arise upon it with healing under his wings."

LETTER FROM LONDON.

I have had the pleasure of an interview with the Rev. Dr. Turner the Polynesian Missionary, and we had a long conversation on the history and the prospects of the New Hebrides Mission. Though "Nineteen Years in Polynesia," Dr. Turner is still in the vigor of manhood, and he expects shortly to return to his old field of labour. At the Bible Society meeting he was able to exhibit to the audience and hand to the noble President a complete copy of the *Samoan Bible*, with references and chronological tables.—An edition of ten thousand copies is to be issued by the British and Foreign Bible Society, and I hope on my return to Halifax to take a copy with me for the College Library. Dr. Turner is at present engaged in putting through the press, Notes on various books of Scripture and a Scripture Geography. Mrs. Turner also looks as sound and happy as if she had never breathed the air of the tropics or sought shelter under the shadow of the bread-fruit tree. She loves the Mission work and contemplates with pleasure the prospect of soon returning to the "high places of the field."

I learn that the *John Williams* will be at Sydney, Australia, in August next. She will not visit England for at least two years to come. She will be due again at Sydney on the first week of August, 1863. It is at this date probably that she would be met by our Nova Scotia Missionaries.

Dr. Turner handed me a letter he had recently received from MR. GEDDIE, dated the 13th of last November. The Church on Aneiteum has been re-opened. Twenty-nine had joined the Communion for the first time—a larger number than had ever done so before on one occasion. He speaks cheerfully of Tana affairs. It seems probable that Mr. Copeland will take hold of the Erromangan Mission as soon as Mr. Inglis (who is now in Scotland) will return to Aneiteum. There is nothing else in the letter that we have not had before—and perhaps these items have reached my readers before now. No matter: good news bear to be twice told.

Nothing could be more gratifying than the prospect of Mr. Copeland going to Erromanga. He cannot go however till relieved by Mr. Inglis, and Mr. Inglis cannot, at soonest, relieve him before the fall of 1863. By that time one of our new Missionaries will, by God's help, be on the ground to share the toil, the danger and the honour of the work. Mr. Copeland will probably learn a good deal of the language of the island from the seventeen refugees on Aneiteum; and these refugees expect to return with him to their old home.

Dr. Turner called my attention to a communication in the "*Missionary Magazine*" from the Rev. A. W. Murray, who having recently visited Erromanga with Mr. Geddie, furnishes some items of a hopeful nature; he also gives currency to one or two sentiments which might lead to an unjust impression with regard to the lamented death of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon. "The