

with a cutter and buffalo robes, amounting in value to the sum of \$84, which gift was accompanied with an address expressive of the congregation's esteem and warmest attachment to their minister.

The 1st and 2nd congregations have not only almost paid the whole of the salary for the present year in advance, but have also purchased a glebe of 5 acres, with a manse, at a cost of \$1,000, which sum has been nearly paid in full.

### REV. H. NESBIT, MISSIONARY TO SAMOA.

The Rev. H. Nesbit, of the London Missionary Society's Mission to Samoa, having recently visited Knox College, and addressed the students, at the invitation of Principal Willis, the students, who listened with deep attention to his account of the missionary work in Samoa, presented him with an address, expressive of their feelings of personal regard and sympathy in his work. We, as a rule, decline to publish addresses, but as it is very seldom that a missionary like Mr. Nesbit has an opportunity of seeing and addressing our students, we think that no one will find fault with us for publishing the following:—

TO THE REV. MR. NESBIT, *Tutor in the Theological Institute, Samoa:*

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—We, the Students of Knox College, in presenting to you our fraternal greetings, desire to express the gratitude that we, in common with the whole Church owe to Almighty God for the great success with which He has crowned your efforts, and those of your associates, in setting up the Standard of the Cross in that remote portion of the Master's Vineyard.

We are well aware of the self-denying nature of the work to which you have already devoted so many years of your life; and indeed we have cause to blush in the presence of your zeal, when told that notwithstanding privation, difficulty and trial, it is still the purpose of your heart to return.

We deeply sympathise with you in the afflicting circumstances which are the immediate occasion of your presence in this land. May God, who doeth all things well, comfort you in your sore bereavement.

The cheering record we have received from you, of the spread of the glorious Gospel of Christ in those far-off islands of the sea, has rekindled the interest we feel in our brethren who have, until so recently, been denied the light of Truth. Our souls burn within us when we are reminded that they too have heard the joyful sound. We would gladly seize this, the first, opportunity of conveying, through you, to them the following letter as an expression of the love we bear them.

*Brethren, Students of the Mission Institute, Samoa:*

BELOVED IN THE LORD,—It is with joy and gladness of heart that we have heard from the lips of your faithful and devoted tutor the tidings of your fellowship in Christ Jesus with all the saints scattered abroad throughout the whole world. How it makes our hearts exult to know that the glorious Gospel of the blessed God has shed its beams of light in your midst, and that you now can read, in your own tongue, the wonderful works of God.

We are of another race, speak another language, and wide seas roll between, yet we worship the same God—the God who made heaven and earth—who hath formed of one blood all nations of men, to dwell upon all the face of the earth. Thus we are present with you in spirit, as our prayers mingle at the Throne of Grace, offered up through Christ, by the one Spirit, unto the Father. That golden chain of love that binds earth to heaven, encircling the globe, unites also heart to heart, and thus we are one with you in Christ Jesus.

We are told that you, like ourselves, are preparing to go forth to proclaim to your fellow men the unsearchable riches of Christ. We thus, in our several spheres, make common cause against sin, error and superstition, and all the