

teachers not direct you how to turn unemployed time to account, so as to enable you to have a name and a place among the owners of the ship? Nay children what is to hinder you to go occasionally supperless to bed, or to dispense with some necessary, or some comfort, and claim the position not only of an owner in the ship, but of a disciple, of whom the Saviour says, "Let him deny himself and take up his cross and come follow me." What can you earn? What cross can you bear?

Your circumstances are very varied. No one head can contrive for you all; and yet all of you must try for a share in the ship.

Take then the resolution that you will own a share, and will buy it for yourselves. Take Ruth's determination not to part for rich relations, and depend upon them. Like her, ask your parents to "let you go" and work for yourselves.—Take with you the Saviour's terms of discipleship, and make to him Saul's application, "Lord what wilt thou have me to do," and none of you need lack the distinction and the honor, of being co-workers with God, in sending the Gospel to the heathen.

You cannot all own equal shares. You do not need to go into partnership on equal terms. You are expected to invest your capital according to your several ability—and there is no reason why you may associate two families together—as was sometimes done when the passover was to be observed. A little girls Missionary Society, in one of our congregations, are conjoint proprietors of a share in the *John Knox*, and so may others be in the new ship.

Am I obtaining Mary's testimonial, when she brought the alabaster box to the Saviour. "She hath done what she could." Be faithful over your few things, and you shall be ruler over many things.

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FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In the absence of letters from our own Missionaries, we give a few very interesting extracts from Rev. J. Copeland's letter, which appears in the *R. P. Magazine* for November. The letter is dated *Aneityum*, May 23, 1862.

EDUCATION AND MORALS ON ANEITYUM.

I am glad to say that all the members of the mission are in good health at present. Mr. Matheson and Mrs. Johnston are both living with Mr. Geddie. Mrs. Johnston occupies a portion of her time in teaching a class of young people of both sexes. The natives are in good health at present. Food is very scarce, but we trust the worst is over. The attendance on the several meetings for religious instruction and for worship is encouraging; the teachers report that the people turn out well to school in the morning. At this station, the institution was resumed some time ago. The attendance is not all I could desire, but the falling off can be easily accounted for. In the first place, we have lost about one third by death, and then we had such a long, long recess, that they had got fairly out of the way of attending. The natives also have had to spend much time in their plantations, and in the erection of dwellings and school houses destroyed by the hurricanes. You are probably aware, too, that the desire for knowledge is not very great among people like the Aneityumese. Education has not yet become fairly an indispensable. As yet, the Aneityumese hardly see in the accumulation of knowledge a sufficient equivalent to their leaving off their manual labour every day soon after noon. The possession of knowledge will continue to be more and more appreciated, I have no doubt, till a proper feeling shall prevail on this subject. Three weeks ago, we met on this side of the island for the observing of the Lord's supper. The weather was not very favourable, and the audience was not so large as on former occasions. On the Friday, nineteen adults were baptized