

we are engaged. We are using as we believe one of the principal means predicted as introducing "the latter day glory," of which it is said "Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."

During the year we have imported 12,000 vols, which together with a portion of Bibles, Testaments, Psalm-books and Tracts, have been put into circulation excepting, of course, those on hand. These have added to our liabilities to the Board of Publication, the sum of £915 15s. But during the same time we have remitted and paid expenses to the amount of £650, which including the former balance leaves £335 still due, and to be met by the books on hand. These may be about 5000 vols. and they are all that remain of 35,579 imported since 1852.

We cannot conclude without acknowi-

ledging our obligations to the Board of Publication for their liberality in enabling us to carry on this good work to such an extent! . And though we have been told that our intercourse may be affected by propositions now under consideration from another quarter; we hope that the Synod and the whole Church will see the necessity of making some effort to continue the stream of religious intelligence which has thus been flowing into our land; preparing the way as we trust for the latter day glory, "when none shall say to his brother know thou the Lord but all shall know Him from the least unto the greatest."

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN I. BAXTER,
Con. Com. Col.

Onslow, June 1856.

Foreign Missions.

DEPARTURE OF THE "JOHN WILLIAMS."

We are happy to announce that the John Williams has at length sailed for the South Seas, with the Rev G. N. Gordon, and lady on board. On her arrival in Britain in 1855, it was found indispensable that before entering upon another voyage, she should undergo extensive repairs. These have been found to occupy more time than was expected, so that she was not ready to leave dock till the 20th of July last. To meet the cost of such repairs, the Directors of the London Missionary Society appealed to the children of Britain. The appeal has been so successful that they have been enabled to put the ship in a state of complete equipment. The Directors have accepted the resignation of Capt Morgan, who after a faithful service of seventeen years, has been compelled by failure of health to decline another voyage. In his place the directors have engaged Mr Wm. Williams late chief officer, of whose christian character and professional qualifications, the most unexceptionable testimonials have been received.

Mr Gordon after leaving this country spent most of his time in London in the study of medicine, for which he had excellent opportunities, which we have every reason to believe, he has faithfully improved. His sabbaths, however, were

spent in efforts to reclaim the sabbath-breakers of London. Mr Gordon paid a short visit to Scotland, where he was cordially welcomed by all bodies of Presbyterians. He also, in company with Mrs. Gordon (for we presume that our readers are aware, that he has been married to an English lady a few weeks before his departure), visited Paris, with the view of visiting the Ophthalmic Institutions there. This was an object of importance as disease or weakness of the eye is prevalent in the South Seas. They are now on the stormy deep, and we trust many prayers will ascend from our readers that he who has the winds in the hollow of his hand and sets bounds to the raging of the sea, will give them a prosperous voyage to their destination.

ANEITEUM, NEW HEBRIDES.

Oct. 25th, 1855.

REV AND DEAR SIR,—

In a letter which I received from the Rev James Waddell he mentioned your visit to Scotland, for the benefit of your health. I trust that the object of your visit has been realized, and that you have long ere this time returned to your dear family and flock. Beware of over-taxing your physical energies and thus impairing and abridging your usefulness in the cause of Christ.

As you see my letters to the Board of