

liams" had just left for Tutuila, and was expected to sail for Aneiteum soon after her return, which was expected in a week. The long boat laden with mission goods for Mr Harbutt's station left a few evenings before, but became leaky and suddenly sunk with all on board about 3 miles from the harbor. The men being good swimmers, got safely to land. The Rev Messrs. Harbutt and Drummond were to accompany Mr Gordon, and would see him settled in his new field before their return. Several teachers were also going with them, whom the Samoan brethren wish to see placed under the care of European missionaries as far as practicable. "It is possible," Mr G. adds, "that two of them may go with me." The Popish missionaries in some of the districts there are two to one of the Protestant missionaries. Mr Geddie had advised Mr Gordon to get some kind of a Boat, and he found that a Whale Boat was the most convenient, and was getting one prepared which would cost £15. He was full of ardor for the work of settled mission labor, and states that he never had such a desire as now to enter into the mission field. Meanwhile, he is engaged at the Tanese language, and preaches to English congregations on Sabbath, and finds such encouragement in this work that he was induced to believe that some of his friends at home, under the apprehension that he was already in the mission field, had begun in earnest to strive with God in prayer for him, that utterance might be given unto him that he might open his mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the Gospel.

#### FAREWELL MEETING TO REV. J. W. MATHESON.

An interesting farewell meeting to the Rev. Mr Matheson took place in Prince Street Church in Pictou on Tuesday 13th ult. A large audience was in attendance among whom were several ministers of other churches. The Rev Professor Smith opened the meeting with prayer. The Rev James Waddell was the first speaker. He reverted to a similar meeting eleven years ago on Mr Geddie's departure, and drew a contrast between the circumstances in which he went forth and those in which Mr Matheson now goes forth. He was followed by Mr Matheson who gave a brief account of the motives which led him to devote himself

to the Foreign field. Dr Keir then led the devotions of the meeting for special prayer for Mr Matheson. The Rev. David Roy then gave an address to the young missionary and his partner in life. The concluding address was by the Rev. George Patterson, on the necessity of the Spirit's influence to success in the Mission work. Between the addresses appropriate hymns were sung. We regret that we cannot furnish a fuller account of the addresses delivered. But we hope that means will be adopted to furnish a complete report of them.

#### FAREWELL MEETING IN HALIFAX.

(From the Witness.)

To our mind there is much that is really sublime in the sight of a young man and woman—just entered into wedlock—youthful enough to relish the joys of life and old enough to fear its sorrows—leaving behind them all the endearments of home and country and venturing on a voyage of some fifteen thousands of miles over stormy seas to make their permanent abode among naked and ruthless savages,—all from love to the unseen Redeemer. Yes, there is something truly sublime in the scene which we contemplated last Wednesday evening in the Temperance Hall. A man nowise extraordinary in stature, or appearance, or talents, and a woman youthful and delicate and retiring, stood there bidding a final farewell to many a loving friend—stood there ready to sacrifice not only the comforts, elegancies and pleasures of life, but, if needful, life itself for the sake of their fellow sinners—stood there living witnesses to the reality and power of the christian faith and of love to God in the human heart. It is a noble enthusiasm that impels the votary of science to explore seas and continents, to ascend mountains and measure their height, and to fathom the depths of ocean. The passion is noble which animates the soldier to volunteer to fight for his Queen and country on the burning plains of Hindustan. But neither the soldier nor the *savant* would think of doing for the sake of conquest or of science what Mr MATHESON and his youthful bride are now doing for the sake of Christ and the Gospel. They have to cross two boundless oceans, to weather many a boisterous storm, to spend weary and wasteful days, weeks and months in voyaging the deep,