

paid. Some ministers have done this; others have not. The local Treasurer for the college, or some man who takes an interest in theological education, should call upon subscribers for their subscriptions. If a man would not be willing to spend a day or two days for nothing, in calling upon subscribers, it would be better to pay him something. If we are to get what has been signed for the Hail our ministers and elders must work and try to get it. Something could be got in every congregation, and could be got now.

The New Hebrides Mission.

The First Fruits of Our Missionary Harvest.

A generation has passed away since the first Presbyterian Foreign Missionary from Nova Scotia, the first missionary from any of the British Colonies, Rev. John Geddie, sailed on the first of Dec., 1846, for the South Seas. The following extract from one of Mr. Geddie's letters dated Aneityum Dec. 25, 1849, seems fitting for this first number as it is from our first missionary, in our first mission field, and is concerning the first convert in that mission. Though some others attended the teaching of the missionary before he did, Waihit is regarded as being the first to embrace the Saviour. The first fruits of Aneityum unto Christ, the forerunner, let us trust, of a great multitude that our church shall be instrumental in saving from darkness and death.

"Waihit has joined our little company about three months ago. He is what the natives call a *natimi itaup*, a sacred man, and is one of the most influential men in the district. Not long ago he was a wild, fierce and savage looking man, and so passionate that when excited he seemed regardless of everything. Though he lived near our premises, he could not be induced to attend our religious services, and if we met him in the course of our visitation

our reception was, often cold or uncivil. About the time the John Williams was there he came to public worship and has never missed a Sabbath since; he also attends family worship in my house every evening with his wife. A marked change has taken place in the conduct of this man, and the ferocity of the lion has given place to the gentleness of the lamb. He tells me now of the ways in which he used to act under the impulse of his impetuous and ungovernable temper, but he says that his conduct was very wicked and he endeavors to guard against his besetting sin. An occurrence took place some time ago characteristic of the man as he was and as he is. One day he returned from a fishing expedition having caught a very large and highly prized fish; he left his treasure in his canoe at the shore and went off some distance on business. In his absence another native stole his fish and hid it in the bush, intending to carry it away. On his return he became enraged at the loss of his fish. Some natives who were on the shore at the time gave information about the thief. Waihit immediately grasped his spear and went after him,—he found him, and when in the act of making perhaps a deadly aim, he came to himself, his hand quivered, his arm was powerless, and his spear fell. "I will go to the missionary," said he, "and ask him if it is right or wrong for me to kill this man for stealing my fish; if he says it is right I will do it, but if he says it is wrong I will not hurt him." As soon as I heard of the affair I spoke to him about it, he told me that his heart was bad and that he wished to kill the man, but then he thought of the *Nataihewi* and that unhinged him. I told him of course that we must not injure, but do good to those who do evil to us, and referred him to the example of our Living Saviour."

DEATH OF HIS CHILD.

Dr. Geddie's journal of March 29, 1852, contains an interesting notice of Waihit's resignation on the death of his child.

"The child of Waihit died to-day after a short illness. His name was Misi Cete,