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SHIPMENT OF GOODS FOR THE MISSION

The Barque Sydney sailed from Pictou for Melbourne, N. S. W., on the 12th ultimo., having on board 14 boxes of clothing and other supplies for the Aneiteum Mission. These have been insured in the Union Marine Insurance Company, N. S., to the value of £400. According to the value attached to the various articles, by their respective donors, the gross amount would greatly exceed what this insurance will cover in the event of loss; but it was considered by such as were competent to judge, it was not prudent to insure to the extreme value. The numerous contributors to this munificent donation, have now the satisfaction of being assured, that their "free-will offerings of material to rear a tabernacle for Jehovah in the isles of the sea," are now, so far as human foresight can determine, in a fair way to reach their destination. The Rev. Robert Hamilton, East Melbourne, who, on a former occasion, so very efficiently forwarded the goods consigned to his care, has been requested again to undertake similar service, and from his own generous offer to act as consignee at any time when the welfare of the mission could be promoted thereby, there is every

confidence, that nothing will be wanting on his part to ensure their safe transshipment to Sydney, when the faithful and zealous agent of the London Missionary Society, Dr. Ross, will receive and retain them until an eligible opportunity be presented, for conveyance to Aneiteum. The amount of expense incurred by freight and insurance to Melbourne, N. S. W., is not less than £43 7s. 10d. This sum does not include the expense of package, &c., which must have been no small item. The Messrs. Yorston, who have hitherto acted as General Receivers of Mission goods, have always refused to present any bill, or receive any recompense for the trouble and outlay incurred by them in this capacity. It will be impossible to determine the entire cost of transmission until the arrival of goods is announced by the Missionary. It is not probable, however, that any less amount will be charged from Sydney to Aneiteum than from Pictou to Melbourne. From this, it will appear that the cost of shipment will increase one fourth the amount insured, so that a very serious question may arise as to the policy of sending goods from Nova Scotia, when pecuniary contribution can be permitted, to the same amount, at a trifling