

John W. Matheson and Robert Grant and the Rev Hugh Ross have also been engaged for some weeks in the same department of labor. They have preached

to good audiences and their labors have been well received.

All which is respectfully submitted,
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Foreign Missions.

EXTRACTS FROM JOURNAL OF REV. J. GEDDIE.

(Continued.)

Dec. 5th.—Visited Anumeteh, an inland settlement. Went as far as Umcteh yesterday in my boat, and then walked into the interior. A number of natives accompanied me. After a fatiguing walk reached our destination in the afternoon. I was surprised to see most of the people of the place collected in front of the School-house, and supposed that they had heard of my coming, tho' I had not sent any person to inform them. I did not intend to meet with the people until this morning, but, as so many of them were on the spot, I thought that it would be losing an opportunity of doing good to dismiss them without a service. So I told the teacher to beat the *nitai ahaig*, while I went away accompanied by my faithful servant Navalak to bathe in the lovely stream which winds thro' the valley, and exchanged my wet and muddy clothes for a clean and dry suit. Being much refreshed with my bath, I went to the School-house and conducted worship with about 100 people. After worship I went to take a walk through the settlement while my boys were preparing my evening meal. On my return I saw the teacher addressing a crowd of people in a very animated manner. He said, "You would not listen to my work, but *Misi* has now come and told you the same thing." I asked what was the matter. The teacher said that there had been a village quarrel, that the people were in the midst of it when we unexpectedly made our appearance, and that this was the cause of the gathering. He had used his endeavours in the morning to prevent it, but without success. In my address in the School-house, ignorant of what had occurred, I alluded among other things to this common evil, and had warned the people against it. What I said appeared to be a word in season, and the teacher was endeavouring to enforce my exhor-

tation. In the days of heathenism these village quarrels were often attended with bloodshed, and now, since the club and spear are being laid aside, persons sometimes gratify their evil passions by the destruction of property. There was something of this in the present instance. The parties concerned were thoroughly ashamed at the exposure of their conduct. I spoke to the chief Karahi, and told him to use his influence in preventing such quarrels in time to come, and he promised to do so.

This morning we met for public worship at an early hour. The sun had risen high in the firmament before we saw it, as the valley in which we were is surrounded by high and precipitous mountains. I preached in the morning to a large audience. At the close of the service I married a couple. Bidding adieu to our inland friends I took my departure. When leaving the chief committed a girl to my care, whom he wished Mrs. Geddie to instruct. The poor man gave her many good advices. I was much interested in listening to his parting address.

We now shaped our course towards the sea, about eight miles distant, intending to stop at Anuggi, about half way, where I had an engagement to preach. There is no road, but we follow the bed of a rapid stream, stepping from stone to stone, the water in many places dashing along at a frightful rate. This mode of travelling is full of excitement, but not without danger. In travelling this route I always keep some powerful natives near me to assist in case of emergency. To travel dry is out of the question, and I had several plunges before I got over the worst of the road. When we were near Anuggi I sent the people on before me, while I remained with Navalak to wash and make my toilet at the river's side. Being wet already I went into the midst of the stream, where the water was shoal but rapid. I went to dip my head sud-