

The happy blending moreover of household duties with missionary labor, which we are thus enabled to witness, while eliciting the universal opinion, that Mr Geddie has been remarkably blessed with "a help meet for him," will also produce the conviction that it is of great consequence that all who follow him should possess a similar source of solace and support.

A journal of Mr Geddie's missionary tour in the *John Williams* during the months of May, June, and July 1852, has been received and will be inserted in future numbers. Its length will prohibit its insertion in *one* number, and the crowded state of our

columns will be considered a sufficient reason for its non-appearance this month.

The first of a series of letters to Church members, originally published in the *U. P. Magazine*, appeared in the *Miscellaneous Department* of last month. They will be continued in this and successive numbers. The Editor of that periodical observes that they are the production of one who has won for himself a title to speak to Church members, on the subject on which he addresses them, having well exemplified in his own case, the christian devotedness he inculcates. He occupies a place in one of the most arduous and dangerous fields of the Foreign Mission.

Foreign Missions.

LETTER FROM MR GEDDIE.

Anciteum, Dec. 25, 1852.

DEAR BRETHREN,

The *John Williams* has given us a call on her way to Sydney, and I send these lines by her. I forwarded packages of letters to you, in the months of July and September, which I hope you will receive in safety. Along with this I send the journal of my voyage in the *John Williams*, in May and June last.

You are no doubt aware, by this time, that your infant Mission has passed through trials which none foresaw or could anticipate, but God has preserved his own cause, and we may well erect our 'Ebenezer' and say, 'hitherto hath the Lord helped us.'

I have already informed you of the arrival and settlement of the Rev. John Inglis, of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. This excellent and devoted brother is comfortably situated on the north side of the island, and he and his worthy wife labor with great diligence in the cause of Christ. I feel myself singularly privileged in having such associates in the missionary work.

The time to favor *Anciteum* appears to be come at last. God has in a remarkable manner blessed the means of grace, especially during the last six months. The great body of the people, including all the principal chiefs of the

island, have given up heathenism and eagerly seek for religious instruction. We are doing what we can with the means at our disposal to spread the truth. And Oh! how delightful to behold, after years of struggle, christianity arising in all its beautiful symmetry over the ruins of heathenism. Only one district of any importance, *Annanunse*, is still shut against the gospel, but we hope ere long to attempt an entrance there.

You are aware that a native church was first instituted in May last. Thirteen persons were then baptized, and partook of the Lord's Supper. A few weeks ago, eleven more were admitted to sealing ordinances, so that our little church now numbers twenty four members. A church in the midst of these islands, where the natives are so awfully degraded, and where the people have been hitherto regarded as the most hopeless of savages, is a spectacle for angels. But the grace of God is equal to the degradation and pollution of these islanders, and nothing can bid defiance to its transforming efficacy.

At each of the principal stations from 200 to 300 natives attend religious service on the Lord's day, and the earnestness with which they listen to the truth is very encouraging. About 120 scholars attend the day school at the station which I occupy, and nearly as many attend the school under the superintendent.