

seven months, when, to save their lives they had to flee to Samoa. Other efforts were made to gain a footing on the group, but in vain, till in 1848, REV. JOHN GEDDIE was settled on ANEITYUM, the most southerly of the islands.

JOHN GEDDIE.

JOHN GEDDIE, whose name like that of John Williams, is forever associated with the New Hebrides mission, was born at Banff, Scotland, April 10th, 1815. When John was but a year old his parents removed to Pictou, Nova Scotia. He was an only son, and during a severe illness his parents devoted their little babe to work as a missionary among the heathen. The parental vow was kept a profound secret till after the son had entered upon his chosen career. The boy was educated at Pictou—in the Grammar School, the Academy, and in the Theological classes taught by Dr. Thomas M'Culloch. He was licensed to preach May 2nd, 1837. Before he had completed his course, he had solemnly made up his mind to devote his life to mission work among the heathen. A relative in London had for years sent to Mr. Geddies father, the publications of the London Missionary Society; with their fascinating narratives of Gospel triumphs in the South Seas. These narratives, and the biographies of the missionaries, had turned the young man's attention to a most inviting field. He entertained the hope, as soon as he was licensed, that the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, of which he was a minister, would undertake a foreign mission of her own and commission him to the work. If this plan failed, he would feel free to offer his services to some other church or society. He accepted a call to Cavendish and New London in Prince Edward Island, and was ordained March 3rd, 1838. He entered upon his work with ardour, and testified afterwards "that the more his mind was engaged in Foreign Missions,