

preached on Monday forenoon to a much larger number of people than I expected, considering the nature of the day; for of all the sixty or seventy days of our travel and toil, this was the worst,—cold, raw, windy, drizzly, as even September days sometimes are. As to the place of meeting I have only to say that I am glad the people will not assemble in it much longer; and as to the people themselves, so far as I saw them—and I had the pleasure of meeting with a considerable number of them—they are worthy of their minister, who, as I have both learned and seen, lives in their affections.

As in other sections of the church, so here, after the usual services of the Sanctuary were over, I mentioned the objects the Synod contemplated, and greeted them in its name, wishing them grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father and from our Lord Jesus Christ. After spending a short time for refreshment I left the kindly home of the venerable pastor, where simplicity of thought, style, and dress, and altogether reminded me of not a few of those men of the olden time in our churches at home, the like of whom we ne'er shall look upon again, and through dreary rain wended my way under the guidance of a trusty driver to the station, where I met the cars, which soon conveyed me to the city of St. John, with its kindly greeting and its pleasing remembrances.

There is but one feeling of regret which Mr. McGregor and myself entertain in closing our labours in New Brunswick. We were unable to visit Mr. Turnbull's congregation in the Presbytery of St. Stephen, and those of Mr. Smith and Mr. Salmon in the Presbyteries of York and St. John. We could not help it, but if within our power we will do so before the meeting or Synod. I am sure the expense would be cheerfully met mostly by these congregations themselves at all events by the church, and I can say that I would esteem it as it is already accounted a great honour to be entrusted with the work of strengthening the weak hands, and confirming the feeble knees, and saying unto them who are of a fearful heart, be strong, fear not, behold

God will come with a recompense, He will come and save you.

ROBERT SEDGEWICK.

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## Our Foreign Mission.

### The Latest News.

We have just received letters from Dr. Geddie and Rev. Messrs. Gordon and McNair. Dr. Geddie's letter is dated Aneiteum, Sept. 16th, and is accompanied by the minutes of the annual meeting of the missionary brethren, and the most important item of intelligence is, that Rev. Mr. Neilson has been appointed to re-open the Tannese mission.

Mr. Gordon's letters are of various dates, from June 30th down to Sept. 10th, the last being written on the island of Aneiteum while attending the annual gathering.

Mr. McNair's communication is dated from Dillon's Bay, Erromanga, Sept. 5th, 1867, and contains a very interesting account of the condition of the missionaries, their work, and their friends among the savages, by whom they are surrounded. The diphtheretic epidemic, which proved so disastrous in Aneiteum, is now raging on Erromanga, and the effects are quite visible, not only in sickness and death among all classes, but in the exasperation of the natives against the supposed cause of their calamities. At date, the epidemic had abated around Port Resolution, but was still ravaging some other settlements. Mr. McNair writes, "The heathen are still raging. We hear that the chiefs are now conspiring against us, but if God be for us who can be against us? Therefore we are strong, knowing that He who is for us is stronger than all they who are against us."

We would remind our readers of *Peter in prison* and the CHURCH IN PRAYER, and of the result. Some of our missionaries, especially on Erromanga and Tanna, are in similar if not equal peril, and surely the voice of prayer, during this month specially, will be "incessant and earnest, that the Lord may strengthen his servants who are in