

paign. Rev. Thomas Powell, of Samoa, accompanied the Geddies in the *John Williams* to the New Hebrides. After a voyage of observation through the group it was resolved to settle on Aneityum, the most southerly of the islands.

Here Dr. Geddie and his faithful helpmeet labored amidst many difficulties and dangers until at length the prejudice and superstition of the people were overcome by the power of the Gospel, and they had at last the great joy of seeing the whole island turned to Christ. The story of their work in Aneityum, and also a brief outline of the labors of those who were associated with them on neighboring islands, is told in a most interesting manner by Mr. Robert Murray, Halifax, from whose sketch on the "Jubilee of Missions" of the Maritime Church, the above extracts are taken. Dr. Geddie died at Geelong, Australia, on December 14, 1872. Twenty-four years of his life were spent among his beloved Aneityumese.

A Noble Gift.

Dr. John G. Paton, whose story of missionary life in the New Hebrides is so widely known, has presented to the Victorian General Assembly £12,000 as a fund for carrying on the work in which his own heart has been so long engaged. This large sum is the result of the publication of the story—the profits of the sale and the donations which have come to him from persons who have read his book.

SAMOA.

The Consular Reports issued by the United States Government in August last contain an elaborate report, covering nearly 100 pages, by United States Consul-General Mulligan at Samoa upon the government, commerce, products, and people of the Samoan group. The whole paper is of great interest and value, but we are specially concerned in what is said of the religious condition of the people. The London and Wesleyan Missionary Societies of Great Britain have, under God, brought this group out of its heathenism, and though the moral condition of the people is not what could be desired, yet there has been a vast and beneficent change. We quote at length from Consul-General Mulligan's report :—

"There is practically no such thing as a heathen in the group ; in fact, not one is known. All are Christians after a fashion ; that is, so far as the profession and observance of the outward forms of Christianity are concerned. In this general sense, it is not too much to say that they are more