

had lost the use of his right side, and could not be present at the Sacramental service and gathering.

He rallied, but his recovery was slow, and Rev. Mr. Neilson, his son-in-law, returned with him in the "Dayspring" to Melbourne and Geelong. Shortly after his arrival he had a relapse or a second attack, which had a similar effect on his left side, the use of the right being partially regained, and in this state the Doctor was when letters were closed.

There is some light mingled with these shadows, and first of all the Dr. has been restored to the bosom of his beloved family. Before his return in the "Dayspring" he was nursed tenderly by his daughter, Mrs. Neilson, he is now at his own home, in Geelong, under the care of Mrs. Geddie, aided by their youngest daughter.

Secondly, the Dr. is not suffering, his appetite is fair and his general health and comfort have not been destroyed.

Thirdly, while Mrs. Geddie's letter, written, Nov. 6th, give a full, and not an encouraging account of his state as affected by his disease, on the 7th before closing her letter, she adds: "P. S., Dr. Geddie is much better to-day."

But the fourth and main consideration is that he has done a great and glorious work, for which we should be profoundly thankful, and his life and usefulness have both been prolonged wonderfully till this time. Even Mrs. Geddie found time in penning a few lines by his bedside to suggest the right view of the case in the following words, "I don't murmur at the dealings of our heavenly father, I think we should feel thankful that we have been spared so long, in the mission field when so many younger have been taken away from the work.

We trust he may yet be spared to see the Bible through the press. Beyond that the Church need not look and ought not to expect or ask further service. This great work is well nigh accomplished, and we think that all we can now ask is returning strength sufficient to overlook those proof sheets from the press, and time

to hear that the campaign is going on favourably on the islands and that the new Law, to natives has become the shield of defence, from the kidnapping traders.

But the church's duty to him is not yet done her gratitude to an agent who led her into the foreign mission field and who served her long, faithfully and successfully in its high places remains to be practically expressed, and now is the time! For some indication respecting mode, the Church will look, we doubt not, to her Board of Foreign Missions.

Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie have proceeded to their stations, Mrs. McKenzie having sufficiently recovered from her confinement, after the birth of a daughter at Mrs. Neilson's on Tana, to proceed in the "Dayspring."

Mr. and Mrs. Murray and child were well, Mr. Murray presiding, though of course not yet able to preach at the public services at Anelgauhah. He preaches through an interpreter and is making progress in the language.

### NEW HEBRIDES MISSION.

Letter from Rev. J. W. McKenzie.

PORT RESOLUTION, TANA,  
Aug. 14th., 1872.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—I received your kind very letter of June 30th, per "Sea Witch" from Sydney, July 11th, and was very glad to hear from you so soon after reaching the long-looked-for shore. By the same mail I received a letter from home bringing the sad intelligence of the death of one of my sisters. This was a painful stroke for me and seemed all the harder to bear as it was the first of the kind that I had been called endure. I must not mourn however, for I know that it was laid on by a loving Father's hand and He doeth all things well. Besides I am comforted by the thought that "she is not lost but gone before." If there were no drops of bitterness in my cup I might begin to think that my Heavenly Father had forgotten me, for whom He loves He chastens. But if this was hard to bear what great reason I have to be grateful to Him for the tender care with which He watched over us by night and by day during our long, long voyage across the mighty deep, permitting no accident of any kind to befall us.