

Poor man, he spends little of his time in the bosom of his family, and must suffer many privations. The little vessel in which he performs his voyages does not afford him many comforts, and to save the society expense, he lives while at sea in the most economical manner. When here, he kindly took a trip to Tanna to bring back a number of natives of this Island that had been taken there some month previous by a vessel. The Bishop insisted on Mr. Geddie accompanying him (as he, Mr. G., was just recovering from illness) for the benefit of his health."

*Extracts from a letter from Rev. Mr. Jennings to the corresponding Secretary of Board of Foreign Mission, dated Toronto Jan. 21st., 1851.*

My Dear Sir,

With much pleasure I sit down to write my annual letter, and to send to your Mission fund our usual sum.

We held our annual Missionary Meeting last week, and unanimously voted Ten pounds. The draft will be for Eleven pounds; one pound from the U. P. Congregation of Eramosa, under the pas-

toral charge of the Rev. William Barrie. I wish I had received more to send you. Our Synod has passed the *resolution* to support your Mission. I trust soon to see our church here giving you efficient aid. I thank your Board for remembering me by sending the Chronicle and Register. I am glad to read such good accounts, on the whole, from the Missionaries. They are sowing the handful of seed; we must wait for the harvest. It will come, no fear of that. I thank God for giving me and my people the privilege of helping to sow the seed, tho' in *this* world we may not rejoice at the in-gathering. Part of the work is being done; we have God's promise for the rest of it.

What about the ship? My children laid the keel of it—fairly put it on the stocks, and I hope your young people will not let it stick. Some of your congregations did nobly, tho' the whole sum raised as far as I have seen is below what I expected.

With best wishes for the success of the mission, which I beg you to present to the mission Board, &c. I am, &c.

### Miscellaneous.

#### THE NESTORIANS OF KORDIS-TAN.\*

Inclosed among the most inaccessible mountains of Kordistan,—hemmed in by the barbarous and lawless tribes, and surrounded on every side by the followers of Islamism, are to be found at this day a small but venerable remnant of the ancient and once influential sect of the Nestorians; a remnant whose history and condition present, in not a few particulars, a striking analogy to those of the

Vaudois of the Alps. They are, indeed, the Waldenses of the east.

To this interesting people, long lost sight of by the Christians of the west, the missionary labours of our American brethren have of late directed general attention. Information has been supplied respecting them in the communications which have appeared from the missionaries stationed at Ootoomiah by the American board; and especially in the recent work of Dr. Grant, who explored their territory, and resided among them for a considerable period.

\* The above is principally abridged from a course of articles which appeared some time ago in the United Mission Magazine.

The sect of the Nestorians, of which these mountaineers are the only remnant, is the most ancient christian sect now ex-