

state of the other side of the island under Dr. Geddie is equally prosperous and promising, and such we know is the fact, then must we not say with joyful hearts, "What hath the Lord wrought?"

Now let us cross to Anelicauhut, after the communion has been enjoyed at Aname. Dr. Geddie is not at home, but everything is orderly as in a civilized community. Meetings and classes are held as if the doctor were at home. Neither the Dayspring nor her captain is in port. Dr. Geddie's letter of August 3d gives us the shortest and best explanation: "I hope to spend this month between Tanna and Erromanga, and am under appointment also to spend the months of October and November in making an exploratory voyage among the heathen islands of this group. So much absence from my own station will interfere materially with my work here, but it is unavoidable. There is a great work to be done on these islands, and there are few to do it."

EXPLORATORY VOYAGE.

By the good hand of God upon him, upon the captain and crew, this intended voyage was successfully carried out. The Dayspring arrived at Futuna, the first stage in her journey, if we may so designate it, on October 7th, and after the doctor and Captain Fraser had visited the Copelands, and inquired after their welfare, they called on the Neilsens at Port Resolution, on the Patons at Aniwa, and on the McNairs at Dillon's Bay. They next landed goods for Mr. Gordon at Potinia Bay, which the Dayspring had brought round from his station, and sailed for Fate, and dropping anchor at Fil Harbour paid a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Cosh at Pango, or Ebang. Leaving Fate on October 9th, they reached Espirito Santo on the 13th. We can only here state in brief that the reception met with wherever it was known that this was a mission ship, was most civil and encouraging, and the same remark may be made respecting the visit paid to the large island of Ambrim and to the smaller islands of Tongoa and Awas, Makun and Ngunu. This exploratory tour proved most successful, and the doctor thinks there are six or eight or even more openings for missionaries which might be filled if men were forthcoming without any delay,—two on Espirito Santo, two on Ambrim, two at Tongoa, and two at Ngunu.

On some islands they dare not land, and the same hostility was evinced at some ports of the isles on which they did land. But they were persuaded that it was in all cases because they were mistaken for traders, and the people were exasperated by the outrages of the British and American kid-

nappers, who are prosecuting, and so far without let or hindrance, a traffic in men which is disgraceful to the flag of the countries under which it is conducted and tolerated. To expose this wicked traffic by which natives are deluded and deceived, and then carried away to Fiji or Queensland into a condition of semi servitude, our missionaries have nobly exerted themselves. They have spoken at public meetings,—Mr. Gordon at Sydney, for example; they have united in memorializing the Colonial authorities, and in sending representations to Her Majesty's Government; they have written in the secular press, Rev. J. Inglis very lately and powerfully; they have accumulated facts of the most startling character, and have laid them before the naval authorities, the latest and most direct example being Mr. McNair's report to Commodore Lambert of the unscrupulous course pursued by Captain Smith of the schooner Latona. At this distance from the scene we can perhaps do little more than join in a protest against outrages which are a disgrace to civilization and a severe blow and heavy discouragement to the glorious work of winning these islands to the Lord Jesus.

REV. MR. GOODWILL.

This Synod had scarcely adjourned last year when we all heard the pleasing report, and that report speedily confirmed, that the Rev. Mr. Goodwill of the Church of Scotland, had tendered his services to the Synod of New Brunswick and of Nova Scotia as a missionary to the New Hebrides. Pleased and thankful as we all were when we learned of the success of our brethren; far more pleased and thankful were our missionaries when this intelligence reached them. Mr. Morrison expresses great satisfaction. Dr. Geddie says, Jan. 9th, "I have just heard of Mr. Goodwill's appointment. *This is cheering news to us, as I had almost begun to despair of more Nova Scotia missionaries.*" Mr. Goodwill has since his acceptance, attended a medical session in Philadelphia, and has since his return, nearly completed the visitation of the churches of the body to which he belongs, and will be ready to sail probably in about two months. The Board have opened communications with the missionary committee under which he acts, and have offered any information or service which we can give, and the Synod will be gratified to learn that Dr. Geddie has anticipated us, having before he heard of the appointment forwarded to the committee of the Synod of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick his official report of his exploratory tour, which will as a consequence first appear in their *Record*. Those offers have been received in the most cordial and brotherly spirit.