

to the acquisition of the necessary amount of knowledge to qualify him to become an ordained minister. So long as he remains under the exclusive control of the Board,

their funds are fairly chargeable with all his necessary expenditure; so that in effect, we have now two missionaries dependent upon us for support.

Foreign Missions.

LETTER FROM MR GEDDIE.

Aneiteum, Nov^r, 25th, 1852.

MY DEAR BROTHER,—

Your letter of date, April 26th, instant, came to hand between three and four weeks ago; also, a small bale from Halifax, for the mission. I beg leave to thank you sincerely, for the amount of local and ecclesiastical intelligence which your letters contain.

You have my best wishes and prayers for your usefulness in the new sphere of labor to which you have been chosen. I trust you may enjoy the love, respect, and esteem, which was given to your excellent predecessor. Would you please to remember me very kindly to Mrs McKinlay and family.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of a silver-plated communion service, viz: 2 cups, and 2 plates. It is charged in my account, L.5 2s, sterling. I have not been informed by whom it was ordered; but, in a letter which I received from Nova-Scotia last year, I had information that a service would probably be sent—and I observed an acknowledgement in an old number of the "Eastern Chronicle," of a donation from the ladies of your congregation, for this object. I presume, therefore, that we are indebted to the ladies of your charge, for this gift to the mission. I am sure it will give them pleasure to know that the communion service was required; and that we have our little church in the midst of these dark regions who delight to commemorate the dying love of our common Lord.

I thank you sincerely, for the minutes of Synod, and Mission reports, which you have kindly sent me. Your past kindness encourages me to ask a favor of you. Could you procure for me, the following Numbers of the "Missionary Register?"—Nos. 1, 2, 9, 12, of Vol. 2d; and, Nos. 1, 3, 10, 11, of Vol. 3d.

I ought, perhaps, to mention to you, though I did not state it in my letter to

the Board, that Mrs Geddie has made use of some of the Nova-Scotia manufactured cloth for herself and the children; and also, travelling trowsers for me. The letter of your predecessor in office, gave us this liberty. But I may mention, that we have often to give out of our own private support, for objects connected with the mission; such as shirts, hatchets, knives, &c., so that we endeavor to make the one thing balance the other.

The "John Williams" arrived from Sydney, October 22d. Our esteemed brethren, Messrs Murray and Sunderland, pressed the request of the Samoan Missionaries, that either Mr Inglis or I should accompany them on their voyage among the islands. As I had a slight attack of illness the week previous to the arrival of the ship; and, as Mrs Geddie has been rather delicate for some time, the brethren thought that we ought to undertake the voyage, even were no other object to be gained than a temporary relaxation from our labors. We have been accompanied by our two youngest children. Our voyage has been rather boisterous, but most rapid and prosperous. We visited Fotuna, Erromanga, Fate or Sandwich island, Mare, Toka and Liliu. We had pleasant intercourse with the natives on these several islands. On Fotuna we left two teachers, natives of Aneiteum; these are our first agents to the lands of darkness. But I reserve further information about our voyage, for a separate communication.

H. M. S. "Herald," is at this island, at present. She is engaged in a survey of the island and its excellent harbor. She has on board, a number of scientific gentlemen, who are busily engaged in making researches in their several departments. A full account of the voyage will, no doubt, be published, and the world will yet know something about these highly interesting, but little explored, islands. Capt. Denham, and the gentlemen on board the ship, are much delighted with