

crew of 5 or 6 men to the *Dayspring*. About 20 Aneityumese teachers and their wives have been assisting the missionaries on the neighbouring islands, for several years past, and 5 or 6 unmarried men are out as assistants. Repeatedly parties of from 10 to 20 men have gone to Tanna and other islands for the purpose of erecting or repairing the houses of the missionaries. Both mission families on this island are well and kept very busy; of course there is a greater variety of work devolving upon the missionaries of Aneityum than there is upon those of the less advanced stations.

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Report of Visitation of Churches.

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In closing my tour of missionary visitation I wish to submit the following report:

My labours commenced on the 1st Sabbath of September. After being licensed at Liverpool, Sept. 3rd, I proceeded to Bridgewater, at which place I preached to quite a large audience, who seemed deeply interested in the work of the missionaries. I spoke in all my meetings specially of the Trinidad mission. In the afternoon one of Mr. Morrison's elders drove me to Mahone Bay, where I preached for Rev. Mr. McNab. The people were attentive and interested, but, owing to the fact that a collection had not been announced, many were not prepared, so that the amount was only \$3.16. Another collection was, however, promised on a future Sabbath, the amount of which I have not yet learned. In the evening I preached for Rev. Mr. Duff, at Lunenburg. As many of his people come from country districts, the attendance was not as large as it would have been in the morning, but the church was comfortably filled. In this place also a collection was promised on another Sabbath. On Monday morning I proceeded to Halifax—on Wednesday evening addressed the Poplar Grove Prayer Meeting, and on Friday evening preached in Chalmers' Church. I then went on to Pictou, and preached on Sabbath for Rev. Mr. Ross and Dr. Bayne.

The Foreign Mission Board met at New Glasgow, Sept. 16th, when I was formally received as missionary of the Church. I then, as ordered, proceeded to Charlottetown, preached in Zion Church in the morning, and in the Kirk Sabbath evening. On Monday evening a Union Missionary meeting was held in Zion Church, at which there were about 120 present. Rev. J. McLeod presided. Rev. Mr. Duncan, also, took part in the proceedings.

I returned to Pictou on Tuesday. A missionary meeting of the three congregations of Presbyterians was held on Wednes-

day evening. The weather was disagreeable, and the attendance, for that reason, small, only about 175 being present. On Thursday evening we had a very fine meeting in New Glasgow. It was held in Primitive Church, which was well filled, although it has recently been greatly enlarged. Rev. Mr. Stewart presided admirably. Rev. Mr. Walker made the introductory address, and was followed in a stirring missionary address, by Rev. Mr. Coull, lately missionary in Smyrna. I then made the closing address. The speeches were interspersed with singing and prayers. The meeting was one of the best and most interesting at which I attended, and all seemed well pleased.

I then proceeded to Glenelg. On Sabbath I preached at the Glenelg Church in the morning, and in East River Church in the afternoon. The people were glad to hear one of the missionaries of the Church as the last one who visited them was the Rev. D. Morrison, and they have always taken a deep interest in mission work. They thought that in giving in my report it would be only fair to them to state that they did not receive proper notice of the character of the meeting, and that consequently many were not prepared, so that the collections were smaller than they would otherwise have been.

On Tuesday, Sept. 30, I held a meeting at Upper Caledonia, and on Wednesday at Lower Caledonia, and on Thursday at the Forks.

The next Sabbath I preached at Sherbrooke in the morning, and at Goldenville in the evening. Here as elsewhere, they showed great interest in the spread of the Gospel among the heathen, thus giving proof of their careful training by their late devoted pastor.

The next meeting I attended was at Truro on Friday, Oct. 10th, in Dr. McCulloch's Church. Although the weather was bad a pretty large congregation assembled, and seemed very much interested in the account I gave them of the Mission and of the work that has been done. The pastor, in making some closing remarks, referred to the deep and special interest the Truro congregation felt in those who were now going out, and wished us a most hearty Godspeed in our work.

The next day I proceeded to Musquodoboit, where I preached for Mr. Sedgwick on Sabbath morning, and held a missionary meeting in the evening. Notwithstanding the day was very stormy, there was a large attendance, and all seemed deeply interested.

On Monday evening I held a meeting at Shubenacadie. The attendance was small, owing to the unfavourable weather of the