

lieving him from anxiety and making provision for carrying on his work advantageously. Gladly would they have put off any change for a season, but they felt they had no alternative, and therefore expressed their views in the following Resolution :

"To express deep sorrow that the state of Dr. and Mrs. Geddie's health renders the proposed change necessary, yet the Board are prepared to acquiesce in the measure if Dr. Geddie and the Mission Council think that circumstances in Providence demand it."

The Synod will notice that the Dr's. employment will be as thoroughly evangelistic as ever; that he will have equal scope for his zeal and talents; that he will be to a greater extent than formerly a missionary leader; and the chief matter of regret is that his successor is not on the ground and gaining acquaintance with the people and the language.

INCREASE OF MISSIONARIES.

And now if our missionaries have been diminishing we have cause to thank the God of Missions, that the working evangelists on these islands are steadily increasing. The number of churches engaged in the work grows, and the number of ministers is also advancing. Within the year, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Watt, and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Milne, have been added, while we are happy to learn that Mr. Goodwill and lady from our brethren of the Church of Scotland in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, met Dr. Geddie in Australia, and are probably now, by the good hand of God upon them in the New Hebrides.

Twenty years ago Dr. Geddie was the only missionary on the group. Eighteen years ago he was alone, for it was on July 1st, 1852, that Mr. and Mrs. Inglis came to his aid. Within 18 years therefore the missionaries have, notwithstanding the removal by death of four who have left our own shores, increased from one to eleven—their names, present stations, and the churches supporting, being as follows:—

Rev. Dr. Geddie, Aneiteum, 1848, P. C. L. Provinces,
Rev. John Inglis, Aneiteum, 1860, Ref. P. C. Scotland,

J. G. Paton, Aniwa, Victoria Pres. Ch.
J. Cosh, Fate, Ref. P. C. Scotland,
J. Copeland, Futuna, "
J. D. Gordon, Espiritu Santo and Erromanga, P. C. N. S. Wales,
Thomas Neilson, Tanna, Ref. P. C. Scotland,
James McNair, Erromanga, P. C. L. Provinces,
S. Watt, Tanna, 1869, P. C. New Zealand,
Peter Milne, Potina, Kwamera, 1869, P. C. Otago & Southland,
John Goodwill, (not located,) 1870, P. C. of N. S. & N. B., in connection with Church of Scotland.

NATIVE AGENTS.

But these are not the only men fighting under the banner of Immanuel in these high places of heathenism. At nearly all these stations there are helps—native Evan-

gelists—who are purchasing to themselves a good degree and great boldness in the faith by doing a work for Jesus and for their fellow-countrymen, which the Lord will not fail to acknowledge when He will own and reward the humblest as well as the most gifted of his servants. Native teachers, chiefly from the Samoas, did good service in the early days of Evangelization on Aneiteum, and now the Aneiteumese may be found repaying their debt of obligation and labouring earnestly on all the islands where the Mission Council has called them to go and occupy. There are 7 in Futuna, 5 in Tanna, 1 in Aniwa, 1 in Erromanga, and 3 in Fate, 17 besides those in charge of schools under Dr. Geddie and Mr. Inglis.

STATE OF ANEITEUM.

Although not intending to enter in this paper into many particulars from the different islands occupied, yet we may present a very brief outline. Dr. Geddie, in his last report, notices the faithful preaching of Christ as the grand instrumentality employed in the upbuilding of the church, and states that he is greatly aided by Nariwa, Lathella, Kaka, Nason-an-alai and Pita, God-fearing elders who have a great facility for communicating the knowledge they possess. He states that the great work of teaching the whole population to read the Scriptures is well nigh accomplished, the very aged and the very young being the only exceptions;—and consequently that the number of Schools may soon be reduced. Two Schools for training teachers are in operation at Dr. Geddie's and Mr. Inglis's Stations. On Dr. Geddie's list are from 20 to 30, most of whom expect to become teachers on their own or on other islands. He reports Pilgrim's Progress translated by Mrs. Geddie, published at the Mission Press and read with avidity, the similitudes employed in that wonderful book being admirably adapted to engage and instruct the native mind.

The Aneiteumese are giving time and money to spread the Gospel. A large party of volunteers went to Tanna to assist Rev. Mr. Watt with his house, a second party went to assist Rev. J. Copeland in enlarging his house, and a fourth party went to Fate to assist Rev. Mr. Cosh with his house. They made a large present of native food to the *Dayspring*, and have aided their own missionaries with work. Besides they have given 1,200 lbs. of Arrowroot to the Bible Society for the printing of the Scriptures, and paid £66 stg. to their School teachers. In these works of faith and labours of love we know not where to draw the line between Dr. Geddie's and Mr. Inglis' congregation. The work is one, the people are one, and we speak of them as one.