

this valuable contribution to the Mission. It is a size smaller than we could have wished; but it prints a larger sheet than the old Press. We expect to have it in operation in a few days. May it be the means of diffusing much light in these regions of darkness.

MR. GEDDIE'S ELDEST DAUGHTER.

I may mention to you that I have instructed my daughter Charlotte Ann to come to Anciteum when she completes her education, instead of going to Nova Scotia, as was originally intended. Her health does not appear to be robust, and she has expressed a strong wish to come here and labour among the heathen, and these circumstances have caused us to alter our design of sending her to Nova Scotia. I have written to the Rev. Dr. Tidman on the subject of her removal here, and requested him to mature arrangements for this purpose. If she enjoys her health on this Island she may be eminently useful in the work, and if the climate does not agree with her, I doubt not but we can get her into a situation of usefulness in the neighbouring Colonies, and she will still be near to us. This decision in relation to our dear child will no doubt disappoint our friends who expected her removal to Nova Scotia, but I am sure they will cheerfully acquiesce in the arrangement when they know the comfort which her presence here will give to us, cut off as we are in a great measure from christian and civilized society.

DEATHS AT MARE.

We have heard with deep regret of the death of Mrs. Creagh, wife of the Rev. Mr. Creagh, on the Island of Mare. She visited this Island in October last, when on her way to her destination in the "John Williams." She was then in the enjoyment of excellent health; and we hoped that she would be long spared to labour in the cause to which she had devoted herself. We sympathize deeply with her bereaved husband and the other members of the Mission.

We have also heard of the death of the Rev. Mr. Nihil, a Church of England missionary, who has likewise been on Mare for some time.—He had been in a decline for a considerable time, and his death was less unexpected than the former. I was acquainted with Mr. Nihil, and have always regarded him as an amiable man and a devoted missionary.

ERROMANGA.

The accounts from Erromanga are also unfavourable. The teachers on that Island have suffered much from fever and ague, and death has been doing its work among them. In October last twelve Samoans, eight of whom were adults and four children, were landed on that Island. Fever and ague broke out among them soon after they were landed. Six out of the twelve died, five found their way to this Island, and only one of the original party now remains on Erromanga. The teachers formerly stationed on that Island being somewhat better acclimated than their newly arrived brethren, suffered less from sickness, and have been able to remain.

SAFETY OF JOSEFA.

You will rejoice to hear that Joseph, our teacher on Fotuna, whom we supposed had perished at sea, is still alive. After leaving Fotuna for this Island, a storm arose, which lasted for a week.—Such was the violence of the wind and sea that they could do nothing but try and keep the boat afloat. They tied all their oars together and threw them into the sea at the bow of the boat. By this expedient they succeeded in keeping her head to the sea and wind. She drifted in this way before the wind during the storm, and at its close they found themselves near the north point of New Caledonia. They then made for the Isle of Pines, which lies at the south end of that Island, a voyage of between 200 and 300 miles. After encountering innumerable dangers from the natives they reached their destination. I saw one of the natives who was in the boat, and he says that when they were in danger they always prayed to God for help, and he sent them deliverance. Joseph remained on the Isle of Pines until he met with a Captain who kindly took him on board and landed him on Fotuna. He reached home after an absence of six months.—The remarkable preservation of our teacher, in circumstances of extreme peril, is another evidence of God's goodness to us, and demands our gratitude and praise.

APPEAL FOR VESSEL.

I inclose in this letter a paper signed by Mr. Inglis and myself, which will speak for itself. I trust that the object which we solicit will meet with your favourable consideration, and with a liberal response from those interested in the