

groceries and ironmongery purchased here, —besides all these, there are here quite a number of boxes for the Scotch Missionaries, and also for the two Missionaries from this (the Victorian) Church. Then there is to be added, the groceries of eight mission families already in the field, and also the stores of the mission-ship herself. No wonder, then, if the little vessel cannot take all at one trip. She is but 115 tons measurement, and her hold is very small, in order to give greater saloon and cabin room.

Missionaries now here going down: Rev. Dr. Geddie and Rev. John Inglis, fathers of the Mission, Mrs. Inglis, Mrs. Neilson and two children, Rev. Daniel McDonald (native of Scotland), educated and sent down by the Victorian Church, ordained here only a few weeks ago; Rev. J. D. Murray and Mrs. Murray, Rev. J. W. McKenzie and Mrs. McKenzie, and Mrs. Robertson and myself. Also a young man, Mr. Campbell, son of a minister here, going down to the islands for a trip; these, with Capt. Rae, the new Commander, make 13 grown persons in the saloon. There is also a white crew and a native crew of boatmen, so that there will be about 31 persons on board, this trip. She sails direct to Aneityum, which will take her about 21 days or more. There she will land the Inglises and Geddies; also Mrs. Murray, Mrs. McKenzie and Mrs. Robertson, and also Inglis's and Geddie's supplies, &c.; also, Murray's, McKenzie's, McDonald's and mine. She will then go to Futuna, Aniwa, Tanna, Erromanga, Fate, Santo, to land Messrs. Copeland's, Paton's, Neilson's, Watt's, Gordon's, Milne's and Goodwill's twelve months' supplies, letters and papers. Returning from Santo in the extreme north of the group, she will take Mr. and Mrs. Goodwill on board; at Fate, Mr. and Mrs. Milne; at Erromanga, Mr. Gordon; at Tanna, the Neilsons and Watts; at Aniwa, the Patons; and land them all at Futuna, Rev. Joseph Copeland's station, where the Annual Missionary Meeting is to be held this year. Having landed these, she will run across to Aneityum and take on board Mr. and Mrs. Inglis, Dr. Geddie, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. McKenzie and Mrs. Robertson, and take them to Futuna to the meeting.

No island, so far as I know, has been named for me, but it is in my heavenly Father's hands, and will all come out right in the end, if I put my whole trust in Him.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodwill were well when they wrote up to Melbourne, about a month ago.

Were I remaining here, I would most certainly attend Dr. Cameron's Church or Mr. McEachern's. They are really my

ideal of God's ministers, humble, able, kind, *full of love*, considerate, living for God and the salvation of men's souls.

*Mission Board of New Hebrides.*—(1) Rev. John Geddie, D. D., of the United Presbyterian Church, Nova Scotia, and Mrs. Geddie, landed on Aneityum in 1848. (2) Rev. John Inglis and Mrs. Inglis, Reformed Presbyterian Church of Scotland, landed on Aneityum in 1851. (3) Rev. John G. Paton and Mrs. Paton, Reformed Presbyterian Church of Scotland, landed on Tanna in 1857, now settled on Aniwa and paid by Victorian Church. (4) Rev. Joseph Copeland and Mrs. Copeland, landed in the New Hebrides, 1857, now settled on Futuna. (Mr. C. of the R. P. Church of Scotland also, and paid by them.) (5) Rev. J. D. Gordon of P. E. Island, paid by the New South Wales Church, landed on Erromanga in 1864. (6) Rev. Thos. Neilson and Mrs. Neilson, R. P. Church of Scotland and paid by them, landed on Tanna in 1867. (7) Rev. Wm. Watt and Mrs. Watt, R. P. Church, Scotland, landed on Tanna in 1869, paid by New Zealand Church. (8) Rev. Peter Milne and Mrs. Milne, R. P. Church of Scotland, paid by New Zealand Church, landed on Nguna, near Fate, in 1870. (9) Rev. John Goodwill and Mrs. Goodwill, Church of Scotland in the Maritime Provinces, landed on Santo, the largest, hottest and most northerly island in the group, in 1870. (10) Rev. Daniel McDonald, Victorian Church, Rev. J. D. Murray and Mrs. Murray, U. P. Church, Nova Scotia, Rev. J. W. McKenzie and Mrs. McKenzie, U. P. Church, Nova Scotia, and Rev. Hugh A. Robertson and Mrs. Robertson, Church of Scotland in the Maritime Provinces, all going down in 1872 on the *Dayspring* to be settled. In all, 12 gentlemen and 10 ladies. Mr. Gordon and Mr. McDonald are unmarried, and Dr. and Mrs. Geddie have retired from the mission—Dr. Geddie only going down to see the young missionaries settled. He is engaged in superintending the printing of the Old Testament in Aneityumese, and is residing in Geelong, a town 40 miles from Melbourne (population 2,000).

I make these statements now so that, when writing again, and speaking of the work and islands, you will remember the men, who they are, and the particular church by which they are supported. As I did not attend college with Mr. Murray, and as he went by way of Egypt and not with us in the *Great Britain*, I know him much less intimately than Mr. McKenzie. He is a really earnest man. Mr. McKenzie is a really fine young man, and I believe will make an excellent missionary. I think more and more highly of him every