

We all thought her wretchedly poor.— Her parents died when she was young. She had neither brother, nor sister, nor husband. Health failed; and when health fails what can *she* do, who depends for a living on the labour of her hands? Friendless, homeless, desolate, sick! Was she not poor, very poor? She lived on the offerings of the benevolent; no other means was within her reach. Weak and weaker she became day by day, till at last she passed from us into the land where there is no more hunger, or poverty, or sickness. She was poor to the eye of a careless observer; but rich in faith, hope and love; rich in good works done for God to God's poor children. Her Treasure was in Heaven, and she rejoiced in the hope of enjoying that Treasure through all eternity. Was she not rich?

Reader, are you rich, or poor? To use a mercantile phrase, Have you "taken stock" lately? Prudent merchants "take stock" frequently to know how they stand. There could be no better opportunity for you to do so than now, at the beginning of a new year.

Some merchants who twelve months ago were deemed wealthy and honourable men, are to day bankrupt in purse and in character. Others, then poor and trembling on the verge of ruin, are to day safe and rich. How is it with you? We do not ask with reference to the treasure that moth and rust can corrupt and thieves can steal; we speak of those things that make a man "rich towards God."

How much stronger is your faith? How much weaker all your evil passions? Have you been more successful than ever in proving before the Church and the world that the graces which sustain and adorn the christian character, flourish in you?

How often have you spoken a good word for Christ and his cause? Have you attended with greater regularity and earnestness all the means of grace? Have you read the Scriptures with more diligence and with deeper fervency of prayer?

Have you been faithful, honourable, liberal, in all your dealings with the "body of Christ," which is his Church? You were not content with doing *nothing* for her; but

have you done what you could by word and deed?

How many friends have you made for Jesus; and how often have you sacrificed self for his sake? He gave himself for the Church; can you give yourself to him and his cause?

Having examined ourselves, having "taken stock" of our character and of our deeds, let us then ask, What can I do so that I may be a more profitable servant this year than I have been during the last? What can I do for Christ and his Church in order to manifest my loving obedience? First give yourself more fully to Christ, and then place all that you possess at his disposal.— He is a generous MASTER, and he knows well how to reward those who make sacrifices for him. The man that gives a cup of cold water to a disciple for the sake of Christ shall not lose his reward!

Beware of the awful mistake of thinking yourself rich, when, in truth, you are very poor. Be not deceived; those who keep their treasures here for selfish purposes when the MASTER has need of them, shall have sorrow at last.

Our Foreign Missions.

LETTERS FROM ANEITEUM.

The following letters have been received from the Rev. Mr. Geddie:

Letter to Rev. P. G. McGregor.

ANEITEUM, July, 22nd, 1862.

MY DEAR BROTHER,—I do not write at present because I have anything of importance to communicate, but I know from the interest you take in this Mission, that an occasional letter will be always acceptable to you. You will be glad to hear that the various members of the Mission enjoy a moderate share of good health. In the midst of all our troubles, we enjoy many mercies, for which we desire to thank God.

You have probably heard before this time of the death of Mrs. Matheson. She died rejoicing in her Saviour, whom it was her delight to serve while she lived. Her death has been a serious loss to the Mission. She was very devoted to the work, had a better knowledge of the Tana language than any other member of the Mission, and enjoyed