

make the people acquainted with, the details of those documents—by reading them, or extracting from them, or referring to them in some way. The prayer-meeting is a most suitable place. Several of our congregations hold monthly missionary meetings—what better occasion could be selected? They might be referred to, also, during pastoral visits, used as a topic of conversation in the family circle, adverted to in the Bible Class, and occasionally made a subject of reference in the Sabbath School—introduced anywhere and everywhere, in fact, that the people may be interested in their own work, and be made to feel the privilege and dignity of their position in being fellow-workers with Christians of every name and nation that is blessed with the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ.

It is really helpful to our christian life to carefully read and ponder over these results of effective Church organization, for we naturally reflect that if our own little branch of one denomination is doing such glorious work, comparatively insignificant though it be, what must be the extent of the work of the whole Church of Scotland? And if proportionate life and energy and spirituality are exhibited in all the religious and missionary operations of that noble Church, (as we know it is), what a grand work must the whole Church of Christ, of every name and creed, be doing! In thus contemplating, we feel the importance of attending with fidelity to our own part of this great spiritual machinery,—the blessedness of the fellowship of the brethren of every other Church and clime,—the dignity of being fellow-labourers together with God in the work of a world's redemption.

FROM THE FOREIGN MISSION FIELD.

In the absence of letters from our own missionaries, we give a few facts from other sources relative to the work in the South Seas:—An Australian paper publishes a long account of the sailing of the *Paragon* for the New Hebrides on the 4th of April, and the previous preparatory arrangements for

that event. She took back to the Island Messrs. Paton, Goodwill, and Copeland, who had been spending a few months in Australia in order to recruit their strength, and the Rev. Dr. Steele of Sydney accompanied them on a visit to the Islands. An impressive valedictory meeting was held on the evening previous to their departure, which was addressed by the several missionaries and others. The *Paragon* has been purchased and paid for, the churches and Sabbath school children of the Colony having raised more than the necessary amount in a very short time. New South Wales gave £600, Victoria £400, Tasmania, £36; the Church of Otago and Southland, New Zealand, £980; the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand also expects to send in £300 or £400. It is understood that her name will be changed to the *Dayspring*. A number of the friends of the missionaries accompanied the *Paragon* out to sea in the steam-tug, and bade them farewell on the bosom of the ocean. The weather was very pleasant, and seemed favourable for a prosperous voyage.

The Rev. John Inglis, in a letter from Aneityum to the Secretary of the Ref. Pres. For. Mission Board, reports himself and coadjutors well in health, and work progressing favourably. He says, "I have finished the examination of all my schools. 28 in number, comprising the entire population of 750 persons as scholars, infants excepted. I spent a Sabbath at each of my three out-stations; and afterwards dispensed the communion here at the central station. There was a very good attendance. The number of communicants on the roll is 330. * * * We have had three moderately severe hurricanes this year; and one very heavy thunderstorm. The first hurricane, especially, did considerable damage, but, in comparison of last year's, it is not worth mentioning. * * * I have been occupying all my spare time with the translation of the Bible. For the last five months I have been tasking myself, special occasions excepted, to about two pages of my Hebrew Bible, or one of my English one, about thirty verses a day. I am now at the 20th chapter of Ezekiel. So that, if spared in life and health till the middle of next month (March), I hope to see