

herself or some such craft in carrying on the work in this group.

All which is respectfully submitted.

DONALD MORRISON.

Letter from Mrs. Geddie.

Mr. Editor,—

I hope the circulation of the *Record* is not falling off, though I have some misgivings on the subject. You give us much precious intelligence it is admitted, but if you had more of the domestic kind, which the letters of the women furnish, you would find your periodical all the more agreeable to the mothers and sisters in our Israel; and it is of great importance that their interest in the work of the Lord among the heathen be not allowed to languish. I am glad to have it in my power to send you some extracts from a hurried letter from Mrs. Geddie. It was not written to be published and may contain information that is not new to some others of her correspondents, but while they content themselves with reporting good news from the Islands to friends and neighbours who come within their reach, I wish you to send quickly to the whole church and let them know how the little things are done "out there" which are so intimately connected with the comforts of domestic life. W.

Extracts of a Letter from Mrs. Geddie:

January 11, 1867.

So many missionaries were never collected on Aneiteum before. The first two weeks after we came home, we had three missionaries and three ladies from the *John Williams*, Miss Williams, daughter of the British Consul at the Narragatois, Mr. and Mrs. McCullagh, Mrs. Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. Neilson, and Captain and Mrs. Williams, sometimes ashore to tea. Then, after the meeting of missionaries at Mr. Inglis' station, came Mr. and Mrs. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. McNair, and Mr. Gordon, to await a passage to their several stations by a trading vessel. They were detained here a week, but we found room for them. We had a very pleasant time, and enjoyed the company of our friends very much. I had a great deal to do, and just coming home things were not quite at hand, but we got along nicely. Of course I did not attempt any teaching except on Sabbath. Now that the vessels are away, I have commenced school again. Mr. G. takes my old scholars,

the young men and women, and I have the children. I had thirty-nine to-day, and expect many more when we can take those from a distance. We have several boys and girls living on our own premises. All the girls that I left here I found married on my return, so that we have now to begin with a new set. Many of the children are very interesting. I feel quite attached to them already. I wish you could see them in school—they look so bright and nice. Children here learn very quickly when they get proper attention. There are tiny things that you would be surprised to hear reading fluently in the N. Testament. The boys are stirring enough if they are born in a tropical climate. It gives me enough to do to keep them quiet; but they are nice little fellows, and will do any thing for me. We have six small boys in our yard; on Sabbath last I gave each of them a new suit—cap, kilt and jumper—and they marched off to church very much delighted. I could see they were the objects of admiration to the boys who were not so well dressed. I hope we shall be able after a few months to take a good number of orphans into the school, but at present there is no room for them here. We have found the people as willing as ever to help us. My old scholars who are married come whenever I need assistance.

We had a very pleasant visit to Melbourne and Sydney. Lucy was married in Melbourne at the house of Capt. Ferguson, very dear friends of ours, whose acquaintance we made on our way home. We left dear Lizzie in Melbourne. She is in a clergyman's family, where is a sweet, gentle only daughter, who is delighted to have Lizzie with her. Lizzie is at a very good ladies' school, conducted by mother and daughters, all of whom are members of Dr. Cairns' church. She is very happy. We have heard from her twice since we left.

I became quite attached to Melbourne and Sydney. We found many kind friends there. Once I was strongly prejudiced against these places. C. L. G.

Mission Goods.

Rev. D. Morrison, writing from Fate under date of the 25th December, says;—

"Will you please convey, through the *Record*, our most cordial thanks to all our kind friends in our church who have furnished us so liberally with mission goods this year. These goods besides clothing, in a good measure, our little church here, exceedingly useful in enabling us to make presents, to heathen chiefs who come to see us and to those whom we go to see. The poor heathen judge at first of the goodness