

gregation. Here I laboured six weeks, following the course pursued in Gabarus, viz., conducting service in English and Gaelic, and assisting in the Sabbath school on Sabbath, visiting the families, and holding a prayer meeting through the week.

As the readers of the *Record* received a report from my predecessor respecting this field of labour, it is unnecessary for me to say anything, as it would be a recapitulation of what has been stated by him. I, however, may mention that a new church has been built in connection with the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces last summer, and that I had the pleasure of holding service in it for the first time. On this occasion very many came from Grandantz across the mountain, a distance of 16 miles, and from all the surrounding districts.

From the isolated position of this congregation, I think no people have greater need of the services of a settled pastor, and I am happy to say that they manifest a great desire to secure these services. They regret to hear that there are none among the probationers of our church, and very few of the students now attending college who can speak the Gaelic language. Seeing the necessity of not only these congregations, but a number of other vacant congregations and stations in the Island, I hope the Church will do something to supply the want as soon as possible. In conclusion I may state that both congregations showed me every kindness, and handsomely met all the expenses of my mission.

I am, &c.,

SAMUEL GUNN.

Halifax, Feb. 20th.

Our Foreign Missions.

Latest News from the Missionaries.

Our communication with Mr. Morton is monthly via Bermuda packet, and we have therefore a later letter than that published in this *Record*. The last letter was written January 5th, at which date Mrs. Morton was fully restored to health, all effects of the fever having disappeared. Mr. Morton had engaged another teacher for his school at Iere on trial, and was continuing his own work without anything special to report. He expresses hope that there shall be no relaxation of effort to secure, as soon as possible, the services of another missionary.

Letters from the New Hebrides were received immediately after the February *Record* had gone to press. Private letters were received by different parties from Mr. Gordon, dated Portinia Bay, Erromanga, Aug. 3rd, and his Report for a year past by the Secretary of the Board.—The Report is a document of great length, in which he reviews the work and changes of the year terminating in his removal from Dillon's Bay and settlement on the other side of the island.

Mr. Gordon had waited for the coming of the *Dayspring* to convey him to Santo, until he considered the most suitable time had passed, when, leaving Rev. Mr. McNair in charge at Dillon's Bay, he sailed in a boat round to Portinia Bay, where he took up his residence, after obtaining the consent of the majority of the petty chiefs and people in the neighbourhood. The *Dayspring* called but Mr. Gordon preferred remaining at Portinia Bay, to going at that time to Santo, and at date of writing he was living in a tent, and his effects stored in a war cave; and with very slight aid, striving to erect for himself a small dwelling in which to live and prosecute his work of gaining the ear and then the heart of the Erromangans within reach.

Mr. and Mrs. Neilson wrote to their friends from Port Resolution, Tanna, October 5th. They occupied their own house just erected, were comfortably settled, were respectfully and courteously received by the natives so far, and were making progress in acquiring the language. A few come together on the Lord's day and hear read a portion of an imperfect translation of the Gospel according to Mark, (prepared by a former missionary,) by Mr. Neilson, who is assisted in communicating with the natives by the Aneiteumese teachers, and by old Nowar, who understands Aneiteumese almost as well as Tannese.

From Aneiteum Mrs. Geddie writes—date Oct. 30th, the Dr. being absent on an exploratory tour in the *Dayspring* to the islands lying northward, including Santo. He had received letters from Nova Scotia prior to his departure, which he had not time to answer, but wished that word should