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SUPPLY FOR COUVA.

We are glad to be able to state that the F. M. Committee has at length obtained temporary supply for Couva. They have appointed Mr. S. A. Fraser, a Dalhousie student who labored for two summers in Labrador as colporteur of the B. A. Book and Tract Society, to work as a catechist in the Mission in Trinidad until an ordained missionary can be obtained. One thing that made it especially necessary to delay no longer was that the Estate owners contribute almost the whole support of this station, and while they have been generously continuing this contribution during the vacancy, they could not be expected long to do so. Another pressing need was that the missionaries in the ground were so overwrought in trying to supply another station in addition to their own wide extended field that they could not long continue it to the same extent. Mr. Fraser leaves for Trinidad about the beginning of May. The F. M. Committee feel thankful that they have secured a man of Mr. Fraser's ability and character to undertake for a time the work.

By the time these words are read the accounts of our Church for the financial year will be closed. It is a matter for thankfulness that for the most part the contributions for the year have been fairly liberal, and that most of the funds are able to meet the demands upon them.

Rev. Dr. Steele writes that the British Admiralty have issued a corrected map of the New Hebrides with all the mission stations marked in the islands.

The New Hebrides is receiving two more new missionaries. Rev. Dr. Steele writes to Mr. Morrison under date March 13. The *Dayspring* sails on the 29th, and takes the Rev. J. G. Paton, with a new missionary from Victoria, the Rev. W. Bannerman, Convener of the Mission Committee in Otago, and his wife, on a visit; and along with them a new missionary from this church. Thus the Australian churches, increase their staff of active workers in the New Hebrides.

The Montreal *Witness* quotes from an exchange the following:—"At a late meeting of the Woman's Board in Chicago a sharp condemnation was uttered at a common form of wrong-doing, that of supporting natives who come to this country for an education under the pretext of returning to work among their own people. Dr. Holmes, of Persia, in a recent letter condemns in severest terms the Christian people in England and America who give to this sort of beggars. If they go back they are entirely unfitted for the native life. They are neither American nor native. The question was asked of three missionaries present from Persia, India and Japan, if they agreed with Dr. Holmes, and they said, "Most heartily."

The Mission to the Sandwich Islands cost the American Board \$500,000 in all, while the trade, which of course goes to the benefit of the commercial community, amounted at the end of sixty years to about \$16,000,000, with a clear profit annually of more than \$800,000.

Crosses gail and grieve us in proportion to our self-consequence, and our need of them may probably be measured by the uneasiness they excite.