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AFTERWARDS.

A brief glance at the later history of this mission may form a fitting conclusion to our story, as we can see from it how firm were the foundations laid by Dr. Geddie, how imperishable the principles which he sought to impart to these dark islanders of the South Seas.

It has already been noted that other churches beside the Church of Nova Scotia were engaged in work in the New Hebrides. This was indeed a mission of eight Presbyterian Churches, united into a Synod having oversight of the spiritual welfare of the entire group. This is no place to narrate the great achievements of the Synod, or to speak of the different missionaries who have devoted their lives to this noble enterprise, though one is greatly tempted to make an exception in the case of Dr. J. G. Paton, whose distinguished services have won world-wide recognition. Suffice it to say that nearly, if not quite, every island is the home and sphere of labour of one or more missionaries, and that the fruits of the Gospel are brought nearer to the outside world, especially to Australia. As an indication of their commercial progress attention may be directed to the fact that a few