

A statement of the financial position of the MARITIME PRESBYTERIAN, will be given in the January issue.

If any would prefer having it sent to them singly in a separate wrapper it will be done. The additional cost is trifling.

If parties living in small sections would get a few subscribers and have a small parcel sent to their own post-office the circulation might be greatly increased and it is one way in which any one may do a good work.

The
Life of the Rev. John Geddie, D.D.,

First Missionary to the New Hebrides.

WITH A HISTORY OF THE NOVA SCOTIA PRESBYTERIAN MISSION OF THAT GROUP.

BY THE REV. GEORGE PATTERSON, D. D.

This work carefully traces the origin and early history of this Mission—the first from a British colony to a heathen land. It presents a large amount of Dr. Geddie's correspondence and journals, much of which has never before been published, giving many details of his early trials, and hairbreadth escapes, as well as of the work of God on Aneiteum and other islands. It also contains much information regarding the South Sea Islands, their physical structure and productions, the condition of their inhabitants, their customs, mode of life, etc. It has notices of the other missionaries, who have laboured on the group, bringing up the history of the Mission to the present time.

It is illustrated by a finely executed portrait, maps of the New Hebrides and Aneiteum, and woodcuts representing the natives, etc.

The work contains 512 pages, is well bound in cloth, and sold at \$1.50 per copy.

Agents wanted for the sale of the work to whom a liberal discount will be given.

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A woman, A. J., in St. Christopher's, West Indies was guilty of theft, which she positively denied; adding, "If I am guilty of this charge, may I be struck dead!" awful to say, on the following day she was "struck dead" by a flash of lightning. "Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver."

A SOURCE OF DANGER.

Professor Park of Andover Seminary, speaking for the orthodox wing of the New England Congregationalists, says, "We have given up doctrine after doctrine, and we must stop somewhere. The policy of surrendering doctrines to popular demand or to the subtler influence of speculative theologians is always perilous. The current gains such force that it pours over the breakwater built up and bears with it the remaining truths, until at last all faith is gone."

The B. A. Book and Tract Society, Halifax, is essentially a Home Missionary Society, doing excellent work in the Maritime Provinces. Twenty two men are now employed by this society scattering the seeds of Divine truth. One of this number engaged in work on the Southern Shores of Nova Scotia, found several families without a copy of the Word of God.

Through the co-operation of the Presbytery of Miramichi an agent is to be employed during the winter months among the lumbermen on the Miramichi and Restigouche rivers.

A request has also been made for a colporteur for the Magdalen Islands. The French are now said to be accessible and the co-operation of our French Evangelization Board is being sought in order that a French speaking labourer may be obtained. We hope the day is not far distant when a missionary shall be located on these Islands to do evangelistic work among the French.

The Ladies of the Presbyterian congregations of St. John's N. B. have been taking most praiseworthy steps. They have raised nearly \$600 and aim at paying the salary of a missionary to labor in the extensive Home Mission field of St. John Presbytery.

A young lady asked a pastor whether he thought dancing right. For reply he took from his pocket and handed to her the little tract, "Come to Jesus." Her eyes suffused with tears, and the blood came to her face. She soon gave her heart to Christ, and united with the church. The "dancing" question waned before that of eternal life or death.—*S. Times.*