

gratifying to the Committee, and we might add speaks volumes for the Christianity of the natives. In the New Hebrides, the Parent Society has an Auxiliary which has twice remitted sums during the year, amounting to the very handsome contribution of £106, 9s., a testimony to the gratitude and interest taken by the natives in the translation of the Scriptures into their own language. In several of the islands, the work of translation goes on, and it is peculiarly gratifying to know that the natives of Aneiteum had, by contributions of Arrowroot, paid the whole sum expended by the Society in printing the new Testament and Psalms in Aneiteumese, and that a balance remained of over £50 to begin the printing of the old Testament. Thus the power of the gospel is seen in liberalizing the hearts of the natives as well as in converting them to God. From the Fiji Islands, further sums have been received, and the native Christians, once cannibals, have commenced a Mission to remote Polynesia, about three hundred miles to the North of theirs, thus does the gospel act and re-act, and make its converts instruments for the conversion of others.

Thus have we, in as short space as possible, gone over points of general interest in the Parent Society's report. Seldom has it been our privilege to peruse such a record of operations. Nearly two millions of copies of the Scriptures distributed this year above last, and the sphere of operation greatly enlarged; yet, before dismissing this valuable report, which is indeed worthy of perusal by all our members, we are to notice several removals by death.

And, first, the Rev. Dr. Pressense, of the French Agency, and one whose name has been often mentioned in the annual reports in this place, has been called hence. He was the oldest servant the Society had, having been in its connection for nearly 40 years, originally a Roman Catholic, but having embraced the Protestant faith from sincere and deep rooted conviction he became an earnest and unflinching advocate and agent of the B. and F. Bible Society. Mr. Pressense, was the author of several valuable works, and has left his impress on the Church and age.

A second name, still better known to many of us, is that of Dr. Gill, who, it will be remembered, visited this Country, in 1864, as a delegate from the Parent Society, addressed meetings in this Town and Province, and throughout the Dominion, and proved agreeable and useful. Now, after a few months suffering, he was called, last November, 1871, to his rest. Mr. Kent, the previous delegate, departed some years ago from a stroke of apoplexy; thus these two, being dead, yet speak to us, their former hearers and friends, and tell us to work while the day lasts, for the night cometh when no man can work.

But another death strikes upon our ears (though it be not mentioned in the Society's report) and that of one more inti-