

THE LORD'S WORK

In connection with our Church is constantly extending. Our congregations are becoming more numerous. Our evangelistic enterprises embrace an ever-widening scope. We are undertaking new "Schemes of the Church," and sending forth new missionaries into the Home and Foreign fields. In order to take an intelligent interest in our Church work, in order to support it aright with our money and our prayers, we must read and think about it. It is the special function of the *Record* to bring this work before our people with as much fulness of detail as is practicable. Every Presbyterian should therefore read the *Record*, month by month, in order to know how our Missions are prospering in the New Hebrides and in Trinidad; how our Home Missionaries are succeeding in the "waste places" of these Provinces; how weak congregations are helping themselves and receiving help from others; how the Funds are supplied for carrying forward our work in all its phases.

Space allows us from time to time to give brief glimpses of the work of other churches, especially those with which we are most intimately connected.

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 OUR FOREIGN MISSION WORK.

Nearly a quarter of a century ago the first Foreign Missionary of the Presbyterian Church left our shores. Our pioneer Missionary then went forth, trusting to the guidance and protection of the All-Wise and Almighty. He was led to the lovely isles of the Pacific, and he had the honor of planting the standard of the cross amid the palm-groves of the New Hebrides. The long-lost inhabitants of Aneiteum listened to the Gospel message, shook off the yoke of heathenism, and by God's blessing became witnesses for Christ

among the neighbouring isles. The Bible is now read in the native tongue of the Aneiteumese. The idols of heathenism have long since been flung away to the "moles and the bats;" and the ordinances of the Christian religion are observed with pious care and reverence. Dr. and Mrs. Geddie are spared to witness with joy the complete triumph of the truth on the isle which was the scene for four long years of their unaided struggle with a mighty and crafty foe. Their good fellow-labourer, Mr. Inglis, rejoices with them as they gather the ripened sheaves to the garner of God. Having sown in tears they reap with abundant joy.

The next Missionary sent from this country was the Rev. George N. Gordon, a brave, earnest and true man, who fell at his post on the savage and blood-stained isle of Erromanga. He was honoured to raise anew the standard that had fallen from the Apostolic hands of John Williams. He and his true wife won the martyr's crown, dying for Him to whose service they had consecrated their lives.

After Mr. Gordon, we sent forth Messrs. Matheson and Johnston, with their wives. They went, full of hope, of devotion, and of high resolve, willing to live and die for the glorious work to which they were consecrated. Alas! they had not long to serve their Master in the high places of the field. First, Johnston fell; and then the Mathesons, in the prime and vigour of life. It was the Lord's doing to call them to their rest so soon. We know not why their career in the Mission field was so short. The Master doeth all things well. The Church can never forget the New Hebrides, or cease to love those isles, far off though they are, in which rest the ashes of the Gordons, the Mathesons, and Johnston. The dead as well as the living bid us to go forward.

Our next Missionaries were the Rev. Donald Morrison and his wife, the Rev. William McCulloch and his wife, and the Rev. James D. Gordon. Mr. Gordon, with the true spirit of a Christian hero, undertook the Erromanga mission, consecrated himself to the work of telling the