

plenty. We love Missi ; but when the traders all come and tell us that the worship makes us sick, and give us tobacco and powder to put him away or kill him, we believe them, and our hearts lead us to do bad conduct to Missi. Let Missi stop here, and we will try to love him ; if you will tell " Queen Toria " of our bad treatment, and prevent the traders from bringing sickness like the menles here to kill us all, and also prevent them from telling us lies to make us do bad conduct to Missi ; for, if they come and talk as before, our hearts are very dark, and I fear we will again be led to do bad conduct to Missi." After the conversation, the Commodore kindly invited all the chiefs to go and see his vessel, which they did, accompanied by Mr. Goddie and me. After kindly showing them through the vessel, a gun was fired, and then they saw all the men (about 300) at once ; so that the advice given, and the kindness shewn them, might do them good ; but as yet our Tanese cannot appreciate kindness, and it is only the grace of God that can influence them for good, or change their hearts, so as to interest them in his salvation. Oh, that his time to favour Tanna were come ! I feel much indebted to these gentlemen for their kind sympathy. The vessels sailed on Sabbath at daylight. I sent for Nowar, but he durst not appear while the vessels were here ; yet, on Monday, as Mr. Geddie left, Nowar had a great meeting on the shore, and said, " You have acted like children, to meet and speak with the missionaries and captains, who have told you lies to make you afraid. I know better than to come and hear their lies. They will not punish the Eromangans, just as they have not punished us. They will talk to them—that's all ; they are afraid of us. Give up Missi and the worship, it is lies." This poor man was our best friend, and is now become one of our bitterest enemies, without any known cause, unless it be that I gave him a blanket and an axe when his opposition began. Though the commanders of the vessels were particularly informed that not only our lives, but the interests of our mission, especially on Tana, seemed to rest on what they did at Eromango, the Eromangans were not punished, and consequently our natives are worse than ever. Everything possible is stolen and destroyed, and our lives are daily threatened, and in greater danger than ever. But our God is all sufficient, and to Him we try to look for protection and assistance. O let us have your earnest, continued prayers for the conversion of our Tanese. " Seek, and ye shall find."

OTHER MISSIONS.

REMARKABLE MOVEMENT IN THE NORTH-WEST PROVIN- CES OF INDIA.

The Committee of the Church Missionary Society report a fresh spontaneous movement towards Christianity amongst heathen natives in the North-West Provinces. The Rev. T. Hornie thus writes from Mirat, Sept. 24 last : " There was at Azwanpur, a village about twenty miles west of Mirat, a man who had become acquainted with the Gospel and the leading truths of Christianity ; how I have as yet been unable to ascertain. This man, by name Sahiba, and of good report among his heathen and Mohammedan neighbours, used to collect as many as he found willing, impart what knowledge he had of the truth, and whilst still a heathen hold

Christian worship with them. This seems to have gone on for some time, and, at least on Sahiba's part, was done with an intention to embrace our holy faith as soon as an opportunity should offer. But, before this came, the famine with its hardships overtook them, and soon reduced them, as many others, to starvation and misery." Sahiba died. They gradually sold their cattle and household property to procure food, and having nothing more, were compelled to leave their houses and go abroad in search of subsistence. After much wandering about, " they at last came to the Roman Catholic establishment at Sirdhana, where the priest received them, and gave them food and work in the fields of that mission. Their sufferings were now at an end ; still they did not feel satisfied.