

been idle in the matter of support, having raised a large amount of arrowroot for Missionary purposes.

Respecting the other islands the following condensed summary is presented.

Tanna.

Rev. Mr. Gray has been located at Weasisi under favourable circumstances, so that where Port Resolution from which Mr. Neilson retired is unoccupied, there are still two Missionaries on the Island, Mr. Watt holding his ground at Kwamerra, with an attendance of 100 and a candidates class of 17; chief events of the year, the publication of the Book of Genesis, erection of a church 40 by 20 and contribution of arrowroot 578 pounds.

Epi.

Rev. R. M. Fraser has been settled, commencing with a small school on the path from the village to the sea, and catching by guile the passers by. The Sabbath attendance from 70 to 120. Place of worship erected 36 by 38 feet, thus showing gratifying progress, and providing a place for the school, and for public service.

Ambirim.

Rev. W. B. Murray, supported by the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales was settled August 21st on this Island, the most northerly of any occupied, and is chiefly engaged in the study of the language, into which by the aid of a native he has made a few short translations from the Gospels. His house and wife and baby are novelties which bring the natives round in considerable numbers, and he was anxiously preparing at latest date to make known to them in their own tongue the wonderful works of God.

Futuna.

The cause has suffered by the want of a Missionary for so long a time since Mr. Copeland left. Dr. and Mrs. Gunn are doing their utmost to revive the declining interest. They bear testimony to the fidelity of the Aneiteum teacher during the vacancy. Lately the natives built a new reed church, used alike for worship and school; whole number in the island under Christian instruction, between 100 and 150.

Aniwa.

Mr. Paton being absent in furlough, Mr. Watt, from Tanna, devoted eight weeks to mission work on this island, baptized five adults and two children,

dispensed the Lord's Supper, and reports the maintenance of a candidates class by Kores, the Aneiteum teacher, assisted by the elders in rotation; also the contribution of 583 lbs of arrowroot, and better still, the devotion to mission work, of three Aniwas (being the first band who left their own island) to assist Mr. Gray at Weasisi.

At Niguna,

and Pele, under Mr. Milne, are 40 candidates for baptism, and a number more at Molase. Numbers have left heathen settlements to dwell in villages that have the school and the gospel. The Christian people have made six casks of arrowroot in part to pay for a new church ordered from Sydney. Since May ten couples have been married, four children baptized and the Lord's Supper dispensed.

At Tongoa,

Rev. Mr. Michelson has to contend against the outflow of his people to Queensland, about 40 being absent. Many of the young men under instruction at his station yielded to the inducements held out and left. Still 508 persons attend public worship, and fully half that number attend school. Daily school is kept up at five villages, and a fourth church has been built this year. Friends in Otago having sent the missionary a horse, the people made a road for it from sea to sea six miles. In good health and spirits we are (says Mr. M.) about to return to the station from which we had to flee 2½ years ago. Our great drawback, is want of native teachers.

Such is a general review, first of the work and stations of our own missionaries, and secondly of the fields occupied by the co-operating brethren forming the Synod of the New Hebrides.

TRINIDAD MISSION.

The Mission Council in their annual report review the past year thankfully, acknowledging the goodness of God in the health and harmony which have prevailed, and in the encouragement afforded. They notice the additions to their labouring staff of Rev. Mr. Hendrie and Miss Semple, and the return of Mr. Morton and family. They present the accompanying figures, as exponents of the results of another years labours. There are forty schools in operation with a roll of 1791 and a daily average of 1187. There have been 106 baptisms and 19 marriages.