

The Mission Crisis.

MISSION WORK IN THE SOUTH SEAS.

AS servants of the Lord Jesus Christ striving to promote His cause and advance His kingdom we are not, and will not be, satisfied with anything short of the evangelization of the whole world. The Master has laid upon us this command "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Consequently for us the world, the whole world and nothing less, is the field, but, for convenience in working, and to the great advantage of the cause of Christ, this immense field, the world, may be considered as divided into sections corresponding in general to the great natural divisions of the earth. To each of these sections in turn we would direct our attention. In the November and the December numbers of the JOURNAL we called attention to the work that the students of this college are doing in our Canadian North-West and the sparsely settled portions of the eastern provinces. This month we desire to direct attention to a section of what is technically called the "foreign field," a section of the foreign field that has a peculiar interest for all Canadians, and more particularly for Maritime Province Canadians. Mission work among the South Sea Islanders will long claim a

place in the hearts of the fellow-countrymen of Geddie and the Gordons.

The work that was begun in the South Sea Islands by Williams, Harris, Geddie and the Gordons has been nobly carried on by faithful and devoted missionaries of a later date, some of whom now living have grown old in the service of the Master among the heathen. Men like Robertson and Watt have done valiantly and suffered much that they might tell the story of Jesus Christ to the fierce and degraded cannibals among whom they chose to labour. But there is another, a veteran soldier of the cross, who stands among the world's greatest missionaries, whose name will be held in highest honour as long as the subject of Christian missions finds a place in the hearts and lives of men. Dr. John G. Paton has done a work the full significance of which cannot be comprehended. We may get a glimpse of the nature of his work from the following account which is part of an address delivered by him in Exeter Hall and which we take the liberty of reproducing. Dr. Paton says :

Could I take you down to these islands, and let you see the triumphs of the gospel there, you would be stirred as you have never been stirred before. One