

to the work of English teaching in the school at San Fernando, where he thought the opening was best for him, the missionaries concurred in the choice. He will therefore become an assistant to Mr. Grant, and if his health should be confirmed, will enable Mr. Grant to devote himself more fully to making known the glorious gospel.

We will give farther particulars in our next number, and will only add that prayer is as needful for those who have to deal with the hoary superstitions of India, as for those who are surrounded with savages. The Trinidad missionaries have no such disgusting experiences as Messrs. McKenzie and Annand were tried with, on that memorable night, so naively described by the latter, yet should they be especially prayed for, if not by name, at least with special reference to their various positions, difficulties and encouragements.

NEW HEBRIDES MISSION.

Within the month past we have had letters from Rev. Dr. Steel, and from Messrs. McKenzie and Annand. By Dr. Steel's letter of Dec. 21st, we learn that the *Dayspring* arrived at Sydney on Dec. 5th, after a good passage of twelve days from Aneityum. Rev. Joseph Copeland came with her to rejoin his family. We have not heard from Mr. Murray, but presume there will be private letters to friends informing them of his welfare.

The letters of Messrs. McKenzie and Annand will be found subjoined, giving an account of a joint tour into the interior of the island of Fate, with notices of their respective stations. Neither of them has any bright picture of success, with which to gratify those most clamorous for results. But we believe the pictures laid before us to be truthful, and we want to know and see things as they are. We must know what heathenism is, before we can be sufficiently grateful for the success that God has given.

We fully consent to the assertion that the aspects of the mission are not assuring. The isolation and degradation of the people, their diminishing numbers, their grow-

ing hatred of the gospel from their knowledge that it calls for the forsaking of the abominations of heathenism, and above all, the blighting influences of the devilish traffic in men and in rum, are casting dark shadows across the path of the missionary. And had the Church now to choose her field, it is certain that she would find more promising openings nearer home, and among energetic and expanding races.

But we believe that God in His Providence and by His Spirit led us to the New Hebrides, and we have been the means through our pioneer missionary chiefly, of leading other Churches there, and have commenced and carried on a benign and blessed work. We are now on trial and meeting with the most determined opposition of wicked men and of Satanic strategy. Shall we falter? The greatest hindrance has developed since we began. Shall we retire before it? Shall we give the people up to Satan?

The question is, shall we give our missionaries a whole-hearted support? We are not asked to pledge ourselves never to hand over the work to Churches better situated for carrying it on, but now that a full share of the responsibility rests on us, shall we cheer and strengthen our missionaries to the full extent of our ability? The following are a few ways in which this may be done:

1st. The people generally should read their letters, talk of their difficulties, and instruct their children in the geography of the islands, and the history and present position of the mission, and of each of our missionaries.

2nd. Letters of encouragement might be written by ministers and zealous people, in different parts of the Church, shewing the brethren that they have the heart-felt sympathy of the best of our people.

3rd. The people should show the missionaries that their support is cheerfully provided. *Some of our people are doing this nobly*, but there are many, who by giving a mere trifle and at long intervals, once a year perhaps, are coming far short of their duty to the cause of Christ among the heathen.

But we have reserved to the last a means