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The end of our financial year is close at hand. Congregations as a rule close their accounts with the end of the Calendar year. The accounts of our church Funds close the first of May. Then early in June the commissioners from all parts of the church will meet in General Assembly in Ottawa to review the past and plan for the coming year. The aim as individuals, congregations, as a church should be, to leave, each year, the things that are behind and reach forth to the things that are before.

It is interesting to note that the new arrangement by which the New Hebrides missionaries have monthly steam communication with the outside world, as has been the case for the last few months, is just fifty years from the time of the first introduction of the Gospel to the New Hebrides. John William was killed in pioneering the work on Erromanga in 1839. While not intended to celebrate the jubilee of the New Hebrides mission it is a most fitting commemoration of it.

In this issue we print the reports of some of our Indian Agents in Trinidad, Messrs. Lal Behari, Ragbir, and Soodeen. These reports are of deep interest, and are of value

not merely from the facts that they relate, but they bring us into closer relationship with these agents and enable us to feel that we know better, both them and their work. Let us hope that the day is not far distant when the large and increasing East Indian population of Trinidad will have an active and earnest church, served by native pastors and self-supporting.

"Systematic Beneficence" is not usually a very attractive theme, but it is not one of the least of the graces of the Christian life and is one of the chief sources of the support and extension of Christ's Kingdom. The report on Systematic Beneficence in the Truro Presbytery which is given in this issue is well worth careful study by those within its bounds and will be found useful to these beyond as well.

A cable despatch of April 4th, from Sydney, Australia, tells of a severe hurricane on the Pacific, and many disasters on the coast of the New Hebrides. Several labor vessels were wrecked. A ship grounded on Malekula, the second largest island in the group, and on which Mr. Landels is settled. Five whites and thirty natives were drowned, thirty others reached the shore in safety, only to be massacred by the natives. Such used to be the fate of all who were so unfortunate as to be wrecked on any of the New Hebrides, but now in most of the islands the shipwrecked mariner is safe and cared for. It is only a year or two since a missionary was settled in Malekula and the island is very large, but soon, if the work there succeeds as on other islands, such awful scenes will be unknown. The Landels are settled eight or ten miles distant from Mr. and Mrs. Annand on Santo. One would