

NEW HEBRIDES.
Comfort in Affliction.

FROM REV. J. W. MACKENZIE.

Erakor, Efate, New Hebrides, Feb. 14, 1894.

It was very kind of you and your Society to think of me in my loneliness and grief. Your letter of loving sympathy has cheered me more than words can express. There are few in this world of sorrow who do not value sympathy, but to one in my circumstances it is especially precious. It was a sore trial which came to me when my dear wife was taken away, but I know that it was ordered by a loving Father, and so I do not repine. He knows what is best for me, and this sore bereavement, although for the present so hard to bear, is, I feel sure, intended for my good.

My dear wife labored faithfully for the Master all the years she was in the Mission field, and now she has gone to receive her reward. From the very commencement of our work, although she had her own special duties to attend to, and our children to occupy much of her time, she always assisted me in the school, and taught the women to sew. Besides this, she had Bible class two afternoons in the week for the women, after they had learned to read. She had her servants well trained for housework, and was thus enabled to give more of her time to direct Mission work.

For some years past, however, she was obliged to give up her class in school, as she felt it to be her duty to do something for the children of the settlers near us, some of whom were growing up as ignorant as the heathen around us. In the forenoons of four days in the week she had school for them. Then she had Sabbath School for them besides. Some of these children when she took them could not tell you who made them.

All the natives old and young respected and loved her, and would willingly have made any sacrifice in their power for her.