

dear children, I will at once avail myself of the mail for Noumea just about to leave. You will be glad to hear that your dear children are all quite well, and I believe happy. Tissie's cold remained on her for a little time after you left, and about a month ago little Nellie had one of her bilious attacks, but both are quite well now. They give us very great satisfaction, and both Chrissie and Nellie are attentive to their school duties. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Hunter both called on us a short time ago, and expressed a wish for the children to visit them when they can be spared. Your little boy Gordon, has frequently been to see his sisters. He has endeared himself to the Thomsons. I hope he is making good progress at their school.

You will see in the newspapers that we are now in a state of great anxiety regarding European affairs. It is greatly feared that notwithstanding the efforts to prevent war, a conflict with Russia, on the Afghan affair, will occur, and if war once begins, it is impossible to see where it will end. As the Soudan trouble, for the present, has been got over, and England is set free, perhaps Russia will be wise enough to see that the opportunity she thought she had, has passed away.

The New South Wales contingent, which went to the Soudan is on its way back. It is pitiable to see the height of the war spirit which has been provoked in these colonies. I hope it will not be productive of mischief. We trusted that our quiet part of the globe would be kept free from that curse.

We are having some stirring evangelistic services, conducted by the Rev. J. Mountain and his wife. They are from Scotland, and have been greatly blessed in their work. They were with us for 11 days, and about a hundred here have turned to the Lord.

All unite with me in affectionate regards.

Yours faithfully,
SAMUEL ELLA.

LETTER FROM REV. P. MILNE.

The following letter from Rev. P. Milne, missionary of the Free Church of Scotland, laboring on Nguna, one of the New Hebrides, has been forwarded to us by Rev. H. A. Robertson. It gives cheering news of the progress of the gospel.

Nguna, Aug. 10th, 1885.

My Dear Mr. Robertson:—

Yours of April 21st came to hand. We were all glad to hear that you had got safely back to your station again, and that you had enjoyed your furlough so much. I was sorry you could not come to the meetings of Synod. You will get a copy of the minutes of Synod in an abridged form, the work of Mr. Murray.

Our church is progressing slowly; the walls will be about plastered once this week, but the room at the back is not touched yet. Our work in other respects seems to be making fair progress. I began work on Emau nearly a year and a half ago by visiting it, and by teaching teachers on it. I have now five schools there with about 200 people attending who profess to have given up heathenism.

I have two teachers on Makura, and two on Pele, and two on Emau.

Altogether I have 15 couples stationed out as teachers, 13 schools with about 500 people who profess to have given up heathenism. I hope to be able to open one or two more schools on Nguna this year; they are going to put up one at Kandrops, Matokoale's village immediately. I am sorry I cannot write more at length, at present, as some of my important Colonial letters are not written yet. So please excuse this short note.

Mrs. M. unites with me in very kind love to Mrs. Robertson and yourself.

I remain, dear sir,
Yours very truly,
P. MILNE.

TRINIDAD.

LETTER FROM REV. K. J. GRANT.

San Fernando,
Aug. 21st, 1885.

My Dear Father:—

"Hosay" the annual Indian fete is over. It passed off quietly yesterday. Disobedience to certain new regulations, well known to the people, led the police, a year ago, and 3 days before our arrival here from home, to fire on the crowd at two approaches to San Fernando. Eighteen were killed on the spot or died of their wounds. We were naturally anxious to see what attitude the people would take, but to their credit be it said, there was an entire submission to authority. There was perfect quiet the day throughout.

A few days ago, Sir A. E. Havelock, our Governor, and nephew of Sir Henry