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Rev. E. Scott, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia.

Mrs. Robertson, of Erromanga, writes to her mother under date of Nov. 2, 1889, from Paramatta, Australia, where they are at present on furlough.

"My dear, dear, mother:—I wonder if you are all mourning for me as dead, or, as we hope you have long ago found out, that I am well and still in the land of the living. However did such a rumor get afloat. I have certainly not been well all the winter. I mean Australian winter—owing to a severe cold which I took one night and which threatened to settle on my lungs, but for the last two months I have been very well. Our five children are all well. Gordon is at an academy for boys some ninety miles up the country from Sydney, but comes to us in his holidays. He is growing tall and strong and getting along very well in his studies. Chrissie, Nellie, and Annie, attend school in Petersham and come up to us every Friday evening returning to school Monday morning. Mabel is the only child with us during the week. We have been occupying Mr. Murray's manse in his absence, and Mr. Robertson has been supplying the congregation. We will probably return to the islands in April."

Miss Blackadder writes under date of Christmas morning, "I am home this morning. The day is hot and wet. Our streets are filled by drunken people. Noise, disorder

and vice are out to-day in full force. A sad way to celebrate the birth of our dear Lord!

I have had a season of great blessing since my return. Our school has increased. One hundred and forty out some days, and our room is uncomfortably filled on Sundays. We have had from one hundred and fifty to two hundred on Sundays. Prayer meeting seventy-five, average forty. The Mortons are home and if possible more busy than ever."

Still another change in connection with the sending of letters to the New Hebrides. Mrs. Burns writes us that she has just had information that the New Hebrides is now in the "Postal Union", and that letters addressed direct only require five cents postage, while if addressed *via. Australia*, the postage will be twelve cents. The *Witness* more recently states the same information as received from the Post Office Authorities. According to this, letters will henceforth be addressed as follows:

REV. J. W. MACKENZIE,
Erakor,
Efate,
New Hebrides.

And so with the other missionaries, and the postage will be five cents.

In this issue we give a most intensely interesting letter from Rev. K. J. Grant. The matter of a new marriage ordinance to which he refers is one of the many instances of advance made among the Indian population of Trinidad that is not directly in the line of missionary work and yet is largely due to it and will be helpful to it. It shows also the place which our missionaries have won in the estimation of the authorities in Trinidad. This indeed, is but one of the many instances of recognition which have been given to their practical sagacity and their knowledge