

Restored to church fellowship	1
Total number of Elders	13
Elders ordained this year	4
Deacons " "	9
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Marriages	9
Births	12
Deaths—Males	20
Females	9
Afternoon school taught by Mrs. Murray and myself—term 3 months, viz., January February and March.	29
Teaching days—Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, the weekly prayer-meeting being on the afternoon of Wednesday, and Saturday being cooking day among the natives preparatory to the Sabbath.	
Names on the school list	35
Average attendance	15
Mrs. Murray's class—Girls and children.	
My class—Young men.	
Subjects taught—Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Geography, Singing and Sewing.	
Mrs. Murray and I teach also a Sabbath school class each	
Translation—First 23 chapters of Ezekiel.	
Words in my Aneiteumese-English vocabulary	1150
Applications for medicine	946
Most prevalent diseases—Fever and Ague, Asthma, Pulmonary Consumption, Diarrhoea, Dysentery, Rheumatism, Scrofula, &c.	
Contributions for the support of the Gospel—Arrowroot towards payment for the printing of the Bible; not yet weighed, but there will probably be about 950 or 1000 lbs. Also, the following works, viz., 4 houses on the mission premises re-thatched, and others repaired, 1 cow house built, hard wood and reed fences put up round our cow park and other grounds, 10 houses on the premises whitewashed outside and inside, the walks kept free from weeds, and coral-led, 1 new wattled and plastered church and school house, and all the churches and school houses, in connection with the station, kept in good repair.	

THE "PARAGON,"

you will be pleased to learn, has been purchased, for the mission, and is free from debt. Through the skill, taste and fidelity of the "Mission Ship Board," she more than satisfies our expectations. She was built, as you are probably aware, for a merchant ship, and had no cabins for passengers. But, by the alterations and improvements which have been made in her, she has, now, besides cabins for the captain and officers and steward, seven cabins for missionaries, a cabin for native teachers and their wives, a dining saloon, with a table ten feet long, and other accommodations which render her admirably adapted for the use of the Mission. How thankful ought we to be to the Giver of all good, that, while He was pleased to deprive us of the "Dayspring," He has so speedily provided us with a still better vessel! It is a matter of regret, however, that while this new

ship contains accommodation for twenty missionaries, there is only one more than half that number at present in the field, Mr. Goodwill having resigned his connection with the mission, on account of the failing health of Mrs. Goodwill. It is to be hoped that the appeal which we are addressing to the churches for an additional supply of missionaries will be promptly responded to by a sufficient number of men and women of the right stamp.

OUR SYNOD

met here, on the 8th ult., and closed on the 26th. We had the pleasure of having Dr. Steel, of Sydney, with us. He came down in the "Paragon" too see the islands and the state of God's work on them, in preference, I have understood, to taking a trip to his native land,—Scotland. He is imbued with a fine missionary spirit; and we have all learned to love him, and to hold him in the highest honour and veneration.

THE KIDNAPPING BUSINESS

has been prosecuted with unusual activity, in these seas, during the past year. Her Majesty's Ships-of-War which have been cruising among the islands, of late, have not, I fear, been as much a terror to those evil doers—the so-called traders—as they ought to have been. We are again memorializing the British Government, on the subject, praying for the "suppression of the traffic among the islands, and for its total abolition, in all British Colonies."

THE SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS

to the natives is becoming a serious obstacle to the progress of missionary operations, in the New Hebrides. What a scourge to humanity is this accursed traffic! How sad that our fellow-countrymen should act the part of the agents of Satan among these already degraded tribes, rather than, as the servants of God, do all in their power to elevate and save them! "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness!"

What a *savage* affair was that of the

"ANTAGONISH RIOT!"

Thorough-going devotees of papal superstition as we had known the Roman Catholics of that district of country to be; yet, we were exceedingly astonished, as well as indignant to hear of them, as the perpetrators of such a barbarous outrage on the sacred rights of their neighbours, as was that by which they disgraced themselves on the 10th July last. After that, Antigonish may fairly be represented as the Erromanga of Nova Scotia. For,