

after the reading lessons were over, but as I refused to return unless they desired to listen I have since had no further trouble.

There are several villages within easy reach of us where there has not yet been any work done among the women. Our anxiety is not that doors may be opened, but that we may be able to enter those now open on every side.—*Leaflet.*

LETTER FROM THE NEW HEBRIDES.

HOW THE ERROMANGAN CONVERTS HELP.

REV. H. A. ROBERTSON tells how the poor Erromangans, who not many years ago were heathen, give of their small means for the gospel. He says:—They have paid for printing and binding 1,000 copies of the Acts of the Apostles, three editions of our catechism at different times, of 1,000 each, 1000 copies of a hymnal, and 1,000 copies of Matthew and Mark.

They contributed for the mission cottage at Port Narevin, in cash, £25 sterling; they have gathered and carried all the thatch and have done nearly all the work of thatching mission house and mission buildings at Dillon's Bay and Port Narevin, and have made all the lime required for every building for 20 years without payment.

They have done all the mission boating to every district of Erromanga where there is a boat landing, a very heavy and oft times dangerous work, and have gone with me to every district in the island, carrying books, and my food and blanket, when I have been visiting the tribes, time and again without number, all without a shilling of payment.

They cut a bridle path 20 miles long, through the bush between the east and west stations, and have kept it open now for seven years without payment.

They have contributed £20 sterling to the support of the Dayspring. They gave at one time £25 to the Foreign Mission Committee of our church; a thank offering of £10 to the B. and F. Bible Society, and another gift to missions of nearly £10. They sent one year, our whole annual shipment of over 2,000lbs. of arrowroot to the church for missions. They

paid out of the proceeds of arrowroot, for lumber, felt, and corrugated iron, etc., required, when we removed the thatch and put a new and substantial roof on the mission house at Dillon's Bay. They provided lumber for an excellent school house, costing complete £90. They have put up, and kept in repair, all the district school houses and churches all over the island, without any payment or any help from outside.

Then they have in many cases given themselves to the work. They have gone year after year, as teachers or servants, to missionaries in almost every station in the group. At present there are eleven so employed, and in November one of my best young teachers goes to Malekula.

Besides this it would be impossible for me, to state the ten thousand little ways in which they have aided in the work year after year, without payment. I think that our poor Erromangan natives have, fairly judged, done nobly.

A SCHOOL EXAMINATION IN AFRICA.

FROM A MISSIONARY LETTER.

YESTERDAY Joseph, one of our teachers, brought his scholars to be examined.

The children came about five miles, twenty-three of them; there are forty-three names on the roll but some could not walk so far. Naked little heathens, but lively and interesting. We told the teacher to go on with his school work as usual; we wanted to see how he taught. As usual they were brought under a tree, the chart being suspended from the trunk. He and they seemed to be filled with the idea of making a good impression.

All rose and sung "Come to Jesus," in Zulu, then all heads went down into the grass while they repeated the Lord's Prayer; next they recited the catechism of Bible questions and then lessons on the chart and in their books began. They shouted out their letters with great dignity, drawing their dirty blankets closer by way of accompaniment; it was serious business with them.