

ed era in the history of the New Hebrides. And a fitting time it is for such an era, the Jubilee year of the Mission. The group brought into regular steam communication with the outside world. All the islands brought within the sphere of missionary influence and effort, a brighter day dawning. In this is fulfilled an old proverb which speaks of the darkest hour before the dawn. Two or three years since, with its threatened French occupation, was one of the darkest periods for many years in the history of the mission, the present is one of the brightest. It is indeed a jubilee.

Mr. Annand, writing under date June 12, says, "We are now at our old home at Anelcahut, Anetynm, attending Synod. Mrs. Annand is also here. There are ten members of Synod present and three delegates from Australia. We had a delightful voyage from Santo, the weather being fine."

We would like to call special attention to the paper by Mr. R. A. Falconer, on "How to prepare the Sabbath School Lesson." At the earnest request of those who heard it he consented to give it for publication. As to its excellence, "taste and see."

Y. M. C. A.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

The Maritime Convention of the Y. M. C. A. held its twenty-fifth annual meeting in New Glasgow from the seventh to the tenth of August. The attendance was good and a deep interest manifested. Visiting brethren, Mr. Hague of the International Committee, Mr. Budge, general secretary of Montreal Y. M. C. A. and Dr. Kelly of Montreal, made a most favorable impression. Their visit will no doubt be followed by good.

One great change that has during recent years come over the work of the Y. M. C. A. is, that while some time ago their aim was to do general evangelistic work, it is now wholly centred on definite work for young men. This is really no revolution in the object of the Y. M. C. A., but a return

to the object for which it was first started by Williams in London many years ago. In accordance with this idea the Association make their plans for young men, hold their meetings for young men, and, while they do what they can for others along the line of other organizations, their work in the Association is for young men. This is well, and along this line will their work yield its richest results. The field is wide, giving scope to the widest energies of the Christian young men of our time.

An additional element in the work for young men that is coming prominently to the front is, that young men should be looked after when very young, and consequently, they are turning their attention more to the boys. Boys work or work for young men when very young, is becoming an increasing factor in Association work.

A third point noticeable in the work of the Convention was the increasing prominence given to the physical training of young men, and the necessity for bringing the physical exercises and culture of young men, their games and sports, so far as these are right, under Christian influence, so that this physical culture instead of being as it often is a means of leading the young astray, may be a means of bringing them under Christian influence and associations.

After a stirring meeting in United Church on Sabbath evening, the Convention was brought to a close by singing with clasped hands "Blest be the tie that binds, &c." and adjourned to meet next year at Truro.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

FIRST MARITIME CONVENTION.

The First Annual Maritime Convention of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor met in Prince St. Church, Pictou, from the 13th to the 15th of August. There were about 240 delegates present. Looking over the convention two things were noticeable, viz.: the large attendance of ministers, and the large proportion of young women. This shows two things with regard to the Society. (1) That the ministers take a deep interest in its working. (2) That the ten-