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What cheering tidings from the New Hebrides is given in the letters which Mr. and Mrs. Annand have written to their friends and which we copy in this issue! A large steamer calling every fortnight at Aneityum to carry away the produce of the Islands to the world's markets and bringing in return the products of civilization to the natives, while a smaller steamer acting as a gathering and distributing agency makes a monthly circuit of the group calling at all the islands.

What a contrast to the days of Goddie's early work when the chance call of a trading vessel or a rare visit of the vessel of the London Mission Society was their only communication with the outside world. Then alone amid heathenism, now a large steam-calling regularly every fortnight. What a contrast to a year or two since when our missionaries were shut out from civilization for six months in the year looking for the coming of the Dayspring with news from the outside world, now a monthly steamer calling at every station.

Cheering too the addition of new missionaries to the staff and the overtaking by the Australasian churches of the whole group.

Rev. K. J. Grant with Mrs. Grant and one child has returned to Trinidad. Two children have been left in Pictou to attend school. The summer has been a busy one but full of encouragement and they go back to their work greatly cheered. Mrs. Grant's quiet work among the Indian women teaching them to work and care for their homes is a most excellent one. It is a kind of work that will tell powerfully for God in the social and moral elevation of the people. Mr. Grant expects in due time to carve out from his immense field which has wrought

with such energy and success, seven or eight self-supporting congregations ministered to by native Indian pastors. We are sure that the prayers of their many friends will follow and cheer them as they once more take up their work.

The *Presbyterian Witness* referring to the fact that the General Assembly mentioned Dr. Morton's name in connection with the new Secretary of Foreign Missions to be appointed for the Western Division says. "If Dr. Morton should see it to be his duty to accept the honorable and highly important position offered to him the Synod would most heartily concur." This is simply a matter of opinion and is we are convinced very wide of the fact. If Dr. Morton should see it to be his duty to accept, the Synod would of course concur, but most of them would do so with deep regret. It will be an easy matter to find men in the West to fill the position of Foreign Mission Secretary. It will not be easy to fill Dr. Morton's place in Trinidad with all his long service and knowledge and influence there.

Rev. A. W. Thompson who goes out as our fifth missionary to Trinidad has been about a year and a half in Trenton, Pictou Co. as an ordained missionary and has there done a grand work which will remain as a monument to his energy and faithfulness.

Miss Lucy Fisher of Stewiacke who goes out to Couva as missionary teacher has had an excellent record as a teacher and Christian worker at home, and will, if spared, do a good work in her Couva field of labor.

Thursday Nov. 6th, has been set apart as Thanksgiving day.