

unnecessary to dwell upon details. Suffice it is to say, that everywhere, at sea and on land, and by all classes, among strangers and among friends, the good hand of the Lord has been upon them; that much additional and important interest in the mission was created by their various addresses at the Cape, and in Australia; that the Islands now occupied were found waiting to welcome the missionary; and that, by the latest accounts, highly promising prospects had been obtained.

#### FATE.

On Fate, Mr. and Mrs. Morrison have entered upon their labours more hopefully than any of our missionaries have ever been permitted to do. At the station under their care the people are all favourable to christianity, while an organized church of 60 members and 15 catechumens, surround the missionary. It is exceedingly gratifying to know that, largely if not wholly, this membership and candidature must be the result of the earnest and devoted labours of native teachers. Other stations on that extensive island are now pressing forward to partake in the christian privileges which are now placed within their reach, so that the dark places in that mission field are whitening unto the harvest.

#### ERROMANGA.

At Erromanga, Mr. Gordon has found an open door, though not so wide and effectual as that which admitted Mr. Morrison. Six native assistants have been sent forth unto their heathen countrymen, with such knowledge and experience of christianity as has drawn the confidence of their missionary. Five persons have been baptized, and several others were considered fit subjects for baptism, whenever a favourable opportunity should offer for the administration of this sacred ordinance. Mr. Gordon has been enabled to preach in the native language, while the gospel according to Luke, and several smaller works, have been printed for the station by Mr. Ella, at Aneiteum, during his enforced absence from the Loyalty Islands, in consequence of the French intervention with the mission established there.

#### ANEITEUM.

Mr. and Mrs. McCullagh have been occupying Mr. Geddie's station, and have thus relieved Mr. and Mrs. Copeland, who were left in charge, but found it needful to recruit health, bodily and mental, by a visit to Australia. For the arduous duties of this very important station, Mr. McCullagh has an efficient help-meet in his wife, whose ability and experience as a teacher are favourably known to many in Nova Scotia. He is surrounded also by the native assistants, under Mr. and Mrs. Geddie, to the various departments of mission labour connected with the premises. In Mr. McCullagh, your Board have found a most faithful and pains-taking correspondent, and it may be therefore hoped that during the interval that must elapse before Mr. and Mrs. Geddie can be reinstated in their proper position, no real or permanent injury will occur to any one of the various departments of service at the station, which has been, and is likely to continue to be, the headquarters of our mission.

#### MISSION VESSEL.

The mission vessel, as might have been anticipated, has occupied a large measure of attention from your Board. Her thorough efficiency of build and equipment has been fully tested, and although considerable expense was incurred by the enlargement of her accommodations for the crew, in order to meet the perils of a tropical climate; this addition to her build could not well have been made in Nova Scotia. By correspondence from missionaries and others, who had the best opportunities to pronounce judgment, we learn that the adaptation to the service is regarded in the most favourable light, and her connection with the mission is universally considered as essential to its prosperity. The only matter of regret which has arisen, is the fact that the greater number of the Nova Scotian crew had left, but, when properly understood, this apparently untoward event does not present any ground of discouragement. The crew were engaged but for two years at the utmost; and about two-thirds of that time had expired when they sought release from their engagement. To such as are acquainted