

M. Lauga's box, and were printed on leaflets at the Friends' printing-press. M. Lauga had thought there would probably be only about a dozen worshippers, so that he was agreeably surprised to find some 25 Frenchmen, including M. Laroche, the Resident-General, and several staff officers, and one French woman, but for whose presence I should have found myself the only woman in the congregation. Six of the Frenchmen—officers, I think—were Roman Catholics, but had attended M. Lauga's services on board the vessel during his voyage out, and been so much interested that they took the first opportunity of coming again on land."
—*London Christian*.

—It is said that the substitute for the marriage ring on the island of Aneityum, New Hebrides, was the "marriage rope," put round the neck of the bride. This she wore all her life, and when her husband died she was strangled with it by his nearest relative. The Rev. John Inglis, who began his work there in 1852, reported that there was not a widow on the island, nor any word in the language for widow. The law demanded that on the death of her husband the wife be strangled, and her body cast into the sea with his.

—A notable mark of progress has been made in the mission field occupied by Mr. Milne, in the New Hebrides. His Christian natives have undertaken to support their own native teachers. These number between 30 and 40. The full amount for their salaries for the past year has been provided on the several islands. The more populous and the richer have helped the less populous and the poorer. Having entered upon this path, they will, no doubt, do their best to pursue it. Should their example be followed by Mr. Michelsen's natives, who are understood to be in even better circumstances than those of Mr. Milne, a considerably less sum will be required to be remitted to the islands for the support of native teachers, and the way opened up for a larger support

being given to the Dayspring Fund.—*Christian Outlook*.

—Mrs. Hore, who visited New Guinea on the last voyage of the *John Williams*, thus describes the wedding of a native pastor in a letter to a friend in this country: "We brought the bride from Manguia to be married to the son of a native pastor; she had never seen her intended. She is a very pleasing girl of about seventeen, and he is a nice youth. On her wedding day, which was the day after we landed her, she wore a white muslin dress, and her headgear was a wreath of artificial flowers, and yards upon yards of ribbon of all colors. They were much concerned because they could not get any mosquito netting for a veil. After the ceremony, which Mr. Pearse performed, they went to the father's house, where the feast was prepared. All the presents in print which the people had given her were tied together; no present was under 8 yards; they were tied at the corners, and came to over 100 yards, and the friends took hold, marching round the village, announcing the generosity of the people. Then the couple were seated in the garden, and the print wrapped round and round the two, and 6 shirts placed on the knees of the bridegroom. A hat was then placed on the ground, and money was thrown into it, 10s., £1, and £2 at a time, and at each fresh gift a man shouted out double the value, first giving an unearthly yell, I suppose to call attention. They really got a good bit. To wind up, they sang hymns and sacred songs for hours."

—The Roko of the district at Nabouwalu, Fiji, has lately erected at his own cost a large Wesleyan church. The size of this building is an indication of the congregations which now gather in once cannibal Fiji. It is 100 feet long by 70 feet wide. About 1000 people were present at the opening, and the services were prolonged throughout an entire week.