

day they will become self sustaining. Commendable liberality has been displayed, many doubling their subscriptions. A manse is to be erected and the congregation will comprise three preaching stations.

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## New Debrides.

### LETTER FROM ANEITYUM.

Aneityum was our earliest Foreign Mission field and although it was handed over to the care of Rev. J. Lawrie the missionary of the Free Church of Scotland when Mr. Annand left it to go North to Sant, its welfare is of interest to us. Mr. Lawrie writes to the *Sydney Presbyterian* as follows:

During the past year we have been privileged to receive into Church-fellowship no fewer than forty-nine persons. Of these, eighteen adults were baptized, the others having been baptised in infancy. It is worthy of note that many of these are young men and women whom we taught to read and write during the years 1881-83. Some of these youths were very wayward for a time, but we never let go our hold of even the wildest of them, counselling, directing or employing them as opportunity occurred; and now we have the satisfaction of seeing many of the scholars of that date married, settled, and in full Church communion. Among other cases of defection, it was our sorrowful duty to remove one of our deacons from office. The man has since shown signs of repentance; but, even if restored to Church privileges, he will be kept as a private member.

"Lathella," our leading chief, died July 30th, of heart disease. He was an elder in the Church, and used to assist in keeping up the services at the branch stations.

Personal dealing has been a marked feature of our work this year. Not fewer than 150 persons have been thus spoken with, and portions of Scripture explained relating to their highest spiritual well-being. In several instances I have seen the face lighten up as the spirit of truth seemed to dawn upon the heart.

The communion was dispensed twice on the north side of the island, and three times on the south side.

The annual workers meeting was held

in May, when three days were spent discussing all matters, religious and social, relating to the welfare of the community.

The magic lantern views were exhibited in the several districts, and lectures were given on the "Prodigal Son" and the "Life of Christ."

Nineteen marriages were celebrated during the year. Four couples have been sent out during the year to assist missionaries on other islands.

In July last an excellent new school-house was built at Aname. The logs were drawn by the natives, and cut at the saw-mill on the island. The building has been covered with corrugated iron, instead of the ordinary thatched roofing. The large stone church at Anelcauhat has also been re-thatched.

The scattered state of the population necessitates a considerable amount of travelling, on foot or by boat. On an average, I have been absent from home every third Sabbath. In addition to our ordinary work, 4,000 almanacs have been printed, and 800 sheets of a few new hymns; 3,520 lbs of arrowroot was contributed by the natives.

After ten years service, we are now permitted to visit Scotland on a furlough for a season.

### FACING LIONS.

BY REV. THEODORE LCUYLER.

There are two characters in the Bible-gallery of heroes, whose history every young man should commit to memory. Their careers bore a remarkable resemblance. Both had a high parentage. Both were subjected in their youth to strong sensual temptation—the one from a wanton, and the other from a wine-cup; and both had the grace to resist. Both were exiled into idolatrous countries, and obtained their influence over the monarchs of those countries by the interpretation of singular dreams. Both became prime-ministers—the one in Egypt, the other in Babylon. One of them was sent, for conscience' sake, to a prison; the other, for the same cause, was consigned to a den of lions. Although their biographies cover several pages of the Scriptures, no serious fault is recorded against either of them. Both have a brilliant record; but of the two, Daniel seems to us as the more majestic character, for he belongs to the illustrious array of Prophets, and