

each village but seldom ; but by carefully training teachers, directing their work, and over-seeing it as far as possible, he can extend his influence over a large district, and at the same time be able to give the necessary attention to the work of translating the Scriptures and other books, a work which the great number of languages spoken makes it needful for every missionary to take up. The missionaries on the older stations help those on newer fields by supplying them with teachers till their own converts are sufficiently instructed to take up the work ; then when a new island is to be opened, experience has proved that it is generally best to prepare the way for a foreign missionary by first sending some carefully trained natives, whom the savages are more likely to receive as being of their own colour, and more like themselves in habits and modes of thought, and it has been found that the example of the pure, unselfish lives of these good men and women, and their simple instructions, have been greatly blessed of God—therefore the missionaries ask for them the sympathy and prayers of the Church, and assure us it would be difficult to find a better investment for mission funds than paying the salaries of these humble labourers who each receive about thirty dollars annually for their support.

For some time past the French have been very anxious to seize the New Hebrides, and French soldiers and priests have been stationed on some of the islands. Had they succeeded in taking possession, our mission stations would have been broken up and the Christians persecuted as has been done on other islands they have seized. So, much anxiety has been felt, and much prayer offered by the friends of the Mission, and quite lately the French Government have withdrawn their soldiers and war-ships, and have promised to leave the people in peace, a decision which has filled the hearts of all interested in the Mission with thankfulness to God and hope for the future.

QUESTIONS.

What Church now supports most of the missionaries on the New Hebrides? How many islands are now occupied? Give the number of ordained ministers and of native teachers. What is said of the nature and value of the work of the latter? Why are they missionaries as much as those from other lands? Describe their work. Give the reasons why the missionary cannot