

the earnest hope that I would give him work to do. Deeply impressed that it is our duty to gather into our ranks every man who gives promise of usefulness. I engaged him for five weeks, at \$2.50 per week, intending to pay him myself, assisted by two or three of our converts, if his services should be discontinued on Mr. Morton's arrival, but if he proved faithful and was continued in our work, to draw on the F. M. Board, as authorized by a resolution of your Board early in this year.

We have resolved to continue him till end of the year, and if he maintains his present earnest spirit, may then be prepared to recommend a more permanent arrangement. I leave it to Mr. Morton, who is again at work, to write you more fully about John.

Yours sincerely,

K. J. GRANT.

Rev. P. G. McGregor, Sec'y. to B. F. M.

Nov. 25th, 1874.

REV. AND DEAR BRO.—In supplementing what Mr. Grant has written, I have only to say that in continuing John as one of the agents of the Church, in the position mentioned by Mr. Grant, we were guided by two considerations:

1. He promises to be useful, and we dare not lightly throw him aside.

2. We do not know him well enough to justify a permanent appointment, and besides our entire arrangements will require to be considered at the end of the year.

I have paid Mr. Grant what he had paid John, namely, 5 weeks salary at \$2.50 per week, \$12.50, and I assume his salary to December 31st, namely, 1½ month's salary, at \$15 per month, \$18.75. Total, \$31.25.

It will be a great favour if you will pay over this amount to my agent at your earliest convenience.

I am yours very sincerely,

JOHN MORTON.

Rev. P. G. McGregor, Sec'y. B. F. M.

## NEW HEBRIDES MISSION.

### Letter from Mr. Annand.

Fila Harbor, Efate, July 15th, 1874.

DEAR MR. MCGREGOR,—It is only eleven days since we sent away our Nova Scotian mail by the *Paragon*, and now quite unexpectedly another opportunity offers to send a few notes. A trading vessel anchored in our Harbor this afternoon, and shortly after the Captain called with six letters for us, and offered to take a mail away for us to-morrow if we could get one ready. I am consequently scribbling off a few notes for home.

We are settling down quietly and hopefully to our second year's work. The natives are still friendly to us, but being

very busy just now with their plantations, we do not see much of them. One of the most powerful chiefs, as well as one of the strongest enemies of the Gospel on Meli, died yesterday. Whether his death will have any beneficial effects, or alter their relations to us, I cannot say, but we do not anticipate any change therefrom.

Our health is all that can be desired; and we are as cheerful and happy as need be.

One thing I neglected to tell you in my last letter, which is this, we have decided to give a part of our offerings to the Lord, to the several schemes of our Church, and we wish you to take the amount from our salary each year, until further notice, and pay it to the several objects. We would like it to begin with 1875, and if our money is sent away for that year before this reaches you, take a double draft from the next year's salary. The yearly sum of five pounds sterling, (£5 0s. 0d.) to be apportioned as follows, (unless you have some other scheme calling more loudly than others, if so divide it accordingly):

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| To Home Missions .....   | £1 0s. 0d. stg. |
| " Foreign Missions.....  | 1 0 0 "         |
| " Acadian Missions.....  | 1 0 0 "         |
| " Supplementing Fund.... | 1 0 0 "         |
| " Educational Fund.....  | 1 0 0 "         |

Please excuse haste, and believe me

As ever, sincerely yours,

JOSEPH ANNAND.

## A Cruise in the Mission Vessel among the Islands of the New Hebrides.

BY THE REV. DR. STEEL.

No. V.

We sailed from Espiritu Santo at sunrise on the 14th May, and had to encounter head-wind. This continued with rain the most of the next day, and it prevented me from seeing anything. Indeed, I had the mal-de mer, and did not feel very comfortable on this my birth-day! But we soon got out of sight of land.

On the 16th we were considerably to the south-west, and it took us to Sabbath forenoon, the 17th, before we reached Mekeo or Two Hills, where we wished to call. About eleven o'clock, the Rev. P. Mills and the chief officer landed with me on the singular Island, which consists of two hills, one very steep and high, the other much lower. A narrow isthmus connects them, though it is apt to be overflowed by the great tides. The people are few in number, not above seventy, and they reside in the lowland which is productive. The native service was over before we arrived, but the resident teacher, a Rarotongan named Ta, beat the wooden drum, and