

warded the patient work of his servants and is daily adding to the church. There is no mission in the Pacific where there are so many ordained missionaries labouring among so many languages within so limited a number of people. The jubilee of the mission in 1889 furnishes many causes for thanksgiving and of hope. The Christian converts of the Presbyterian church in the New Hebrides join our grateful Hallelujahs that the word of God is proclaimed in some twenty different tongues. May the jubilee year be the starting point of a great expansion which will add all the islands to the kingdom of Christ!

A considerable amount of literature has been devoted to the New Hebrides islands and the missions. The journals of Captain Cook contained the first accounts of the group through which he sailed twice. His descriptions are remarkably accurate, and may still be read with interest. Officers of Her Majesty's navy have contributed volumes—as Admiral Erskine's *Voyage of H. M. S. 'Havannah';* Captain Palmer's "Kidnapping in the South Seas;" Captain Markham's "Cruise of the 'Rosario.'". Naturalists who accompanied some of the naval officers have also enriched science from the New Hebrides, as Brenchly in his "Cruise of the 'Curaçoa,'" and McGillivray in his "Voyage of H. M. S. 'Rattlesnake.'" Missionaries have given volumes of their labors and experience, as the Rev. A. W. Murray in his "Mission in Western Polynesia;" the Rev. John Inglis, D.D., in two volumes entitled "In the New Hebrides," full of personal reminiscences; the Rev. J. G. Paton has created quite a sensation by the thrilling story of his autobiography, and the Rev. D. Macdonald has furnished in his "Oceanica" some notes on the languages of the group. The Rev. Dr. Codrington, of the Melanesian mission, has included several languages of the New Hebrides group in his learned work on "Melanesian Languages." Biographies of missionaries have also been published, as *The Lives of Johnston and Matheson*, and of Dr. Geddie, by Rev. George Patterson, D.D.; the *Life of the Rev. G. N. Gordon*, by his brother; Travellers have added a few books, such as Mr. F. A. Campbell's "Year in the New Hebrides," and Mr. Julian Thomas' "Canibals and Convicts." It has also been the privilege of the writer of this article to endeavour to sum up the whole history of the group and of the evangelistic efforts there in a volume issued ten years ago entitled "The New Hebrides and Christian Missions."