

ings to hundreds who never heard it before, and some of whom have already passed from earth. We have spoken "this word" unto them. Some have opposed it—some made light of it; some have heard it gladly and said "it is good." A few have cursed us, some blessed us, and many flattered us. But our mind is to go on cheerfully, leaving the result to Him who hath said "Son of man, speak my words to them . . . whether they will hear or whether they will forbear."

All which is respectfully submitted by your missionary,

JOHN MORTON.

There are a few additional facts of interest, but the Board forbear from extending written statements, as they anticipate the presence and address of Rev. Mr. Lambert, the warm friend of our mission and missionary; and they prefer that his intimate acquaintance with the mission in all its aspects and his anxiety for an addition to our labourers in Trinidad should find expression, and that full time should be afforded him to shew cause why a companion should be sent to co-operate with Mr. Morton. Some ministers of this church have been prayerfully considering the call, but no definite offer has yet been received in response to the notice placed in the *Record* nearly a year ago.

NEW HEBRIDES MISSION.

In glancing at the New Hebrides mission we have not many details respecting the work carried on, on the islands occupied by our own missionaries. Dr. Goddie's annual statement, though on the way, has not yet come to hand, but we know that the doctor's time has been greatly occupied with the general work of the mission, the settling of Mr. Neilson on Tanna and the visitation of groups of islands lying to the north. Mr. Morrison, it is well known has been quite unfit for active employment. When last heard from he had arrived at New Zealand, intending to revisit his people on Fate, and to arrange his affairs there, not knowing what the will of the Lord might be as respects the future. Our brother has been called to endure the great trial of being laid aside from work dear to his heart, to find his strength declining rather than returning; but thanks be to the Father of mercies, the God of all comfort, he and his like minded partner have been enabled to possess their souls in patience and calmly and confidently to

await the issue. The Board have written to their agent in Sydney to furnish whatever means may be necessary to promote the comfort of Mr. and Mrs. Morrison, during the continuance of this their great trial. They have transmitted expressions of thanks to Rev. P. McIntyre and Wm. Wright, Esq., for their great kindness to our missionary in his sickness, and we have only to add our full persuasion that "our God will supply all his need, according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

ERROMANGA—MR. GORDON.

In Erromanga the Rev. J. D. Gordon was employed toward the close of the year in preparing for the opening of a new station, in removing his property and commencing his work there. When he had removed to Potinia Bay, the Dayspring called, but in Mr. Gordon's opinion, it was too late for the accomplishment of his purposes to go to Espiritu Santo. He preferred remaining and trying what could be done in this new and hitherto untried field, where he literally pitched his tent, and alone commenced providing for himself a habitation and establishing friendly relations with the natives. At the close of the year 1868 Mr. Gordon's official connection with this Board and Synod terminated, his transference to the Synod of New South Wales taking effect with the commencement of the present year. His friends in the Lower Provinces will not, however, lose their interest either in the missionary or in the man, and will cordially approve of the resolution adopted by the Board when they agreed "to record their sense of the zeal and devotion to the work of the mission which Mr. Gordon has manifested under great and protracted trials, and to assure him of their fervent desires and prayers for his success in the same glorious work in connection with the sister Presbyterian Church of New South Wales."

MR. MACNAIR.

Mr. McNair continues to occupy Dillon's Bay and to work on in faith, his letters confirming all that has been written by the Messrs. Gordon to the effect that the work of evangelization there carried on, against great hindrances and opposition, was begun, but has made small headway. The labours of the two pioneer missionaries there were not disowned by the Great Head of the church. Souls were won to Christ and formed into a church, but the growth of the word was, and still is, hindered by wars and superstitions, and especially by the dread of sickness and death following the new religion. Four teachers have been cut off by death there within the last thirteen months, some of them the best sup-