

pressure of work and family matters hindering. We had a very pleasant reunion. Six of the *brethren* and three of the *sisters* and four of the *lamb*s were our guests for ten days. The reports from the several stations indicate progress, and in some places marked advance.

Mr. Mrs. Murray have now to leave the field on furlough which in all probability means finally. His lung is still going and his cough is very bad; but it is somewhat surprising how well he has stood the year that he has been in the islands. It was a particularly favourable season, being an unusually dry and cool summer. Mrs. Gunn had a serious time on Futuna and the doctor was also ill for a time but they have both pretty well recovered.

Now with kindest greetings from us both to you and yours I must draw to a close. We shall be happy to receive a letter from you when we go to Sydney in the end of the year. Anything mailed via San Francisco up to the middle or even end of Nov. will probably be in time to meet us there.

Yours faithfully
J. ANNAND

Letter from Rev. J. W. MacKenzie
to Mr. Robertson.

Erakor July 21st 1884

My Dear Brother

I sincerely hope that this will meet you in Sydney, and find you greatly benefited in every way by your visit home. No doubt you are longing to get back to your people, and they are anxiously looking forward to your return. It seems like a dream to me now that I was home, I hope you did not suffer as much as I did with the cold. I do not think I could live in Nova Scotia now.

Both meetings of Synod since you left were held at Aneighahat and we were all entertained hospitably on shore.

Mr. Milne is very anxious for the Dayspring to go to Raratonga for teachers. I don't suppose you will care much about going away round there to get to Erromanga. We did not appoint her to go, but some of the Dayspring Board seem to think she should go, and they may send her.

I visited Erromanga, going to the meeting and returning. From all that I could learn the work was going on hopefully. Yomat and Atnello say that the whole island is now open. Teachers have been

settled in new ground in your absence. Captain Braithwaite will give you the particulars. Going South the Fraser's and ourselves took possession of your house, remaining about two days and two nights. I married two couples after making full enquiries about them. Their names are Naling and Sikalin Nampuanio and Use, I hope you will find both couples doing well. There do not seem to have been many deaths among the church members.

I hope you will excuse me for not writing a long letter, I know you will when I inform you that the Dayspring leaves Ambrym to-day and I have not a single home letter ready. Ever since I returned from the meeting of Synod until day before yesterday, (Saturday) I have been busy with my translation of John's Gospel, getting it ready to send to Sydney. Hope to get it printed when the vessel is in Sydney first trip.

When telling you about being at your station at Dillon's Bay I should have informed you of a bit of theft on my part, I wanted a change of breed of goats and took away two kids, a male and a female. If you order me to send them back I will do so, but not unless you do so.

My sincere regards to Mrs. Robertson and the children.

Yours faithfully,
J. W. MCKENZIE.

Letter from Rev. Oscar Michelson,

Tonga, July 28th, 1884.

My Dear Mr. Robertson:—

Many thanks for your long and interesting letter of August 1883, and January 1884. I am sure it has been refreshing to you to see your native land and dear friends there. I have no doubt you will all have benefitted by your visit, and I believe it will have done the Erromangans good to have been left to themselves for a little. Naiup was at Erromanga when the Synod met. He said the work was going on well, and told our people here that if you were to stay away another year you might not find any heathen on your return.

I did not get South this year on account of family matters. They say the meeting was a very pleasant one. You will be sorry to hear that Mr. Murray is not able to remain in the Islands. However the Lord knows best. He has the heart of all men in his hand and is able