

When exposed to danger of various kinds, the Lord has watched over us. We often experienced great ingratitude from many whom we have spent days and nights to relieve and benefit, and for whom we are spending the very vigour and prime of our lives, but though we cannot help feeling this, yet as we did not come for their gratitude but for their good, and for God's glory, we do not allow ourselves to be too much cast down. And yet we are not without frequent proofs of gratitude from some of the natives. With all their faults we shall not be sorry when the time comes round for us to go back to labour amongst them. The missionaries too have sought to encourage us by their kind letters and kind words, and their prayers. Rev. Mr. Paton at one time printed a Hymn Book for me, without charges. Rev. Mr. Watt printed a second edition of the same book and is now printing a third, also a free gift. Rev. Mr. Inglis supplied us with an excellent cook, and both he and Mr. Inglis aided us in a variety of ways, and it is pleasing to have co-workers from one's own Church like the missionaries and their wives of Erakor and Anelgaubath.

A HINDERANCE.

One of the most formidable difficulties I have to contend with is the Eromangan language, it certainly is a difficult language but we must resolve to master it, though never fully, no man has ever done that with any language in the Pacific Isles.

HELP WANTED.

But Dr. McGregor, how is it you in Canada and the Free Church in Scotland do not send us one or two more missionaries? It cannot be want of funds alone, for you send them to China, India and Trinidad, but none from Canada for the New Hebrides mission since Mr. Annand came out, and none from Scotland since Mr. Milne came out nine years ago.

Sydney, N. S. W., Jan'y. 31st, '78.

MISSION GOODS TO THE NEW HEBRIDES AND TRINIDAD.

The undersigned acknowledges receipt of Mission Goods which have been closed for shipment as follows:—

- 1st. For Rev. H. A. Robertson:
1 large box from Bedeque, P. E. I., per Rev. R. S. Patterson. 1 package assorted goods from Truro ladies, per Rev. J. I. Baxter. 1 large package from members of United Ch., New Glasgow, per Mrs. Rod'k. Macgregor. 1 small package—Mrs. J. M. Geldert, Halifax.
- 2nd. For Rev. J. W. Mackenzie:
2 yards light Flannel from ladies of Springside, per Hon. C. Creelman. 1 large package from members of United Ch., New Glasgow, per Mrs. Rod'k. Macgregor. 1 package assorted goods from Truro ladies, per Rev. J. I. Baxter. 1 package from Bass River Sewing

Circle. 1 package from Rookley ladies Missionary Sewing Circle, St. Matthew's Pugwash, per Rev. J. M. Sutherland. 1 package from ladies of Musquodoboit, per Mrs. R. Kaulback. Private parcel from Miss Bruce to Mrs. McKenzie.

3rd. Rev. Joseph Annand:

- 1 package from Truro ladies. 1 large package from members of United Ch., New Glasgow. 1 large package from Wallace, per Mrs. John Munro. 1 package from Windsor (assorted). 1 package from Eastville Sewing Circle. 1 box from Chalmers Ch., Halifax, per Mrs. C. B. Pitblado. 4 packages, 2 large and 2 small from St. John's Ch., Halifax. 1 pair socks for the missionaries from Mrs. Susan Creelman and Mrs. Sarah Creelman, Stewiacke.

Probable value of the whole.....\$380 00

In the short time given the offering is exceedingly gratifying, and with the accompanying letters sent will prove most cheering.

Bedeque congregation has surpassed all others in the regularity and frequency of their contributions in this way. The box from United Church, New Glasgow, is the most valuable sent since Mr. Geddie's time—well assorted and equally divided between the three missionaries.

P. G. MacGREGOR.

Friends in Halifax enabled Mrs. Morton to send to Trinidad for the benefit of the Savanna Grande District, quite a variety of articles of Clothing with School appliances of various kinds.

Mrs. Morton also received a handsome contribution towards purchase of a Bell for the Savanna Grande Church from the young people of Wainland.

The Students of Theological Hall in response to a suggestion of Mr. John A. McDonald their fellow-student and formerly Superintendent of schools in San Fernando district and Teacher at Mission village contributed over \$20 which were expended for Sabbath School Books and garments for the children at San Fernando School.

Formosa.

LETTER FROM REV. G. L. MACKAY.
Khoeh chin, Formosa, 19th Feb., 1878.

YOU will, no doubt, be anxious about the Lord's work in Bang-kah. When I wrote last, the chapel building was levelled to the ground and the people were greatly excited. The cause was more a determination to keep foreigners out of the place than a direct attack on Christianity. The three head men who stirred up the people and defied the sub-prefect, did their utmost to keep the merchants out of the city a few years ago. As we have a right according to treaty to establish ourselves there, I am insisting on our rights. The English Consul here sent a despatch to the British Ambassador in Peking about the case. I have no fear as to the issue in the end, for the Lord of Hosts is with us and will triumph over all His foes. Despite this opposition, the work in North Formosa is spreading and prospering greatly. On the 10th inst. at Go-ko-khi, I admitted 3 by baptism, and last Sabbath, at An-po-a,