

As will be seen from the New Hebrides letters given in this issue, quite an advance has been made in the occupation of that group. Four new stations have been settled, three of them by three new missionaries sent out this year from the Australasian Churches, and one of them by Mr. Annand. To quote Mr. Watt's letter on another page, "Two have been settled on Malekula and two on islands adjacent to Santo." Messrs. Leggatt and Morton are settled about eight miles apart on the large island of Malekula, and Messrs. Landels and Annand about eight miles apart on the islands of Malo and Tangoa, the former about eight miles south of Santo, the latter very near to Santo, separated by only about an eighth of a mile. From Tangoa, where there is quite a large village, Mr. Annand can extend his work to Santo and carry it on there as the people living near speak the same language as on Tangoa.

A statistical report presented to the Presbytery of Truro, by Rev. Edward Grant, shews the following:

Congregations have contributed to the Schemes of the Church for the Calendar year 1886, as follows:—

		av. per family.
1. St. Andrew's, Truro	\$469.00	\$3.90
2. First Pres. Ch. Truro	447.00	3.43
3. Mid. Stew'cke & Br'kfid	443.00	2.76
4. Coldstream	202.00	2.52
5. Stewiacke	323.00	2.22
6. Riverside	225.00	2.20
7. Onslow	251.00	2.16
8. Clifton	268.00	1.91
9. Springside	231.00	1.83
10. Great Village	197.00	1.79
11. St. Paul's	260.00	1.73
12. Upper Londonderry	181.00	1.31
13. Acadia	153.00	1.22
14. Economy & Five Isl'ds	123.00	1.02
15. Parrsboro	25.00	31

Total amount contributed for Congregational purposes, \$17,716.

Total contributed for Schemes of the Church, \$3748.

The average contribution per family for stipend within the bounds of the Presbytery was \$6.48 as against 8.24 for the whole church.

The average contribution per family for the Schemes of the Church was \$2.07 as against \$2.53 for the whole church.

The great trial of missionary life in the South Seas is, that at the tender age of five and six years the children have to be sent to the Colonies to school. This is not necessary so much that they may learn, as that they may not learn. So far as learning is concerned they might well remain with their parents until nine or ten years of age, but during those years it would be impossible to prevent their coming into contact with the native children and learning to some extent, their habits. To prevent this the mothers have to part from their little ones at the age when a mother's care is so much needed. Many a sore heart and lonely hour these missionary parents have when they gather at meals or for worship and their little family group far away. The Mackenzie's have had three of their little ones go farther than the others. The good Shepherd has called them home. While lonely they have one comfort. There is no anxiety about the little ones. They know that with them all is well.

The Halifax Presbytery held the second of a series of visitations in the City congregations at Park Street Church, on the 23rd Nov. Rev. J. Anderson preached from Gal. xi: 9. The examination showed the congregation to be in a prosperous condition. It consists of 140 families, has a Sabbath-school with 230 on the roll, and a prayer meeting with an average attendance of 80. \$562 was raised last year for the Schemes, and the debt on their church which is now \$6000 was reduced \$1000. 100 copies of the RECORD are taken. The Presbytery was much pleased with the results of the examination, and encouraged the congregation to increase more and more in every good work.—Com.

During last summer Rev. F. C. Simpson labored for several months in the Maccan mission station, Truro Presbytery. Mr. Simpson held three, and sometimes four diets of worship each Sabbath, besides performing other pastoral work. Signs of progress and growth were witnessed in this field this year. A debt resting upon the church for some time was removed and the building repainted.—Com.

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