

The deputation would draw the Presbytery's attention to the fact that there is a large building in St. Ann's, the walls of which have been erected, and which was originally intended as a place of worship for Mr. Chiniquy's people. It is held by the trustees of the Presbyterian Church, but is not likely ever to be finished or used by them. It is, however, thought that as many of Mr. Chiniquy's people contributed to the erection of that building, and that as it was intended for their use, it might be obtained from the general assembly, on reasonable conditions, for the use of the Mission. It would be ample enough for the accommodation of both church and school, and of real benefit to the people. As it is, it is a reproach to the protestant cause, and is often pointed out by Romanists as the foolish fruits of our protestant divisions.

Were a representation on this subject made by our Synod to the General Assembly of the United States Church, it is believed that it would be favourably received. It remains for the Presbytery to say whether they will take any action in the matter.

Of the importance of sustaining this mission, the deputation are fully convinced by what they saw and heard on the spot. St. Ann's is the centre of a large and growing French population. The protestant portion of them are numerous, and it is hoped that ere long several churches may be organized in the district. The people are, however, not wealthy, and from the scarcity of money in the country, are not able to contribute much for Mr. Chiniquy's support. Their contributions are, for the most part, in produce and labour, and for the present cannot be expected to exceed \$400 per annum. It is, however, hoped that ere long a greater spirit of liberality will be manifested among the people for the support of their own pastor, and the extension of the church in their own neighbourhood.

The deputation have nothing further to note but only to express their gratification at the state of the mission, and a confident hope that it will continue to be the means of spreading the Gospel of Christ among the French people of the district.

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LATEST INTELLIGENCE FROM THE NEW HEBRIDES.

We learn from the Home and Foreign Record of the Presbyterian Church in the Lower Provinces that intelligence has been received from Aneiteum dated 15th December. The *Day Spring* had returned from Australia. The *John William's* had also returned and proceeded to other groups. Dr. Geddie and his wife were well. From Erromanga Mr. Gordon writes that he had recovered from his illness, and was pretty strong again. He says: "The natives of this Island are fighting still among themselves. The way of peace they know not. God in his great mercy has taken some of the people into the kingdom of His Son, and has brought others nigh, but the great mass is yet afar off."

In *Christian Work* a paper originally published in the *Christian Review* of Melbourne, Australia, gives much valuable information with reference to the mission work in the New Hebrides. We quote the concluding sentences. "Our work has hitherto on this group been largely preparatory. The unhealthy nature of the climate, the diversity of languages, the ferocious character of the inhabitants, the breaking of the Mission once and again on several of the Islands, and other untoward circumstances, have rendered missionary operations on this group very up-hill work. But in addition to the great amount of preparatory work that has been accomplished, the actual results of missionary work are very considerable,