

where Mr. Kintorwater a native of North Germany has pitched his tent, and here he is coming towards us. The settlers welcomed us heartily and on entering his house found the congregation patiently waiting for the preacher. Nearly all the members of each family had come to the first preaching service held in the Backwoods of Moser River. The promise of Christ concerning the two or three was fulfilled. One gratifying result of this service was that some who were present afterward attended both week night and Sabbath services at the Moser River church. D.

NEW HEBRIDES MISSION.

Letter from Mrs. McKenzie.

Erakor, Efate, July 13th 1883.

My Dear Mrs. Scott:—

I was unable to write you when the Dayspring left us last year. You may imagine that we would have a great deal to occupy our time after such a long absence. Then the vessel returned from the North in a very short time for our mail and we were obliged to put up what letters we had ready and leave many which we felt we should have written. I fear our friends in Nova Scotia will think us very dilatory but you must remember that our mails only leave here twice a year. We are not so highly favoured in this respect as the missionaries in Trinidad, who can send letters to their friends so frequently.

You are probably aware that we did not reach Efate until the middle of November, owing to the Day Spring being detained among the Southern Islands, both before going to Sydney and after returning.

OUR RETURN HOME.

The natives were aware of our coming and prepared for us by rethatching, and whitewashing, and cleaning our house. It was an agreeable surprise to find it thus. It was well they did so for we landed on a Saturday, and could not have done any cleaning before the Sabbath. Between two and three hundred of the natives met us on the beach with joy beaming in their faces, and I believe gratitude in their hearts that we had been brought back to them. And when we recounted the blessings which had been ours during our absence, our hearts overflowed in gratitude to the bountiful Giver.

What we sought after most, had been granted, viz, *restored health*; and this health has been continued. I was afraid when we should return that the climate might again prove too much for a once shattered constitution. But with due care, humanly speaking, we may have many years of labour among this people.

PROGRESS IN OUR ABSENCE.

The work left in the hands of the natives had been carried on satisfactorily and one stronghold of the enemy gave way. When we left here our young men were all about us except two, who had gone away with white men and had not returned, and we were afraid when the schools were broken up and we away that they might again be tempted to go off in labour vessels; but we found them all here except two. These two were more boys, from the advanced class in the children's school. Both had been brought from heathen villages. The two who were away when we left are both dead; *died through drink!*

THE WORK SINCE OUR RETURN.

Our schools have been carried on since we returned much as they were before we left, with an additional class of young men who are being trained for teachers. They get the practical part of their training in the children's school, which is held from seven till nine every morning. There are sixty scholars who are divided into classes so that each lad may have a class. I am thus left free to spend a while with each. I stopped their method, viz reading the sentence and allowing the child to repeat it after him, they took to my way quite readily, and all are doing nicely.

From the time the Day Spring left us in November until she came back in April we were kept very busy, and the work was pegining to tell on Mr. McKenzie's health. I was glad therefore that he had been appointed to visit the Northern islands in company with the new missionary, and so get a rest. They left without saying when they would be back, so I made up my mind to be alone four weeks but was pleased to see them back in three. The days passed pleasantly but the evenings were lonely.

MEETING OF SYNOD.

We then all went to Anoityum to the meeting of Synod.