

both, attend the early morning Bible reading with the adults. Then from eight until half-past ten children's school. The hours after that are occupied sometimes with one class, sometimes with another. I have a class for women three afternoons in the week, all of which are well attended.

The training class for teachers still goes on uninterruptedly. We sent out five more from it this year to this and other islands. And it is encouraging to us that all who have been sent are doing well. We have still a number of lads left. The church has, and when I say, the church, I mean Sabbath Schools, Ladies' Societies, and private individuals in it, have, hitherto supplied the funds for defraying expenses connected with the training of these young men. And relying on the faith of her past liberality we have taken three men from Fila. They came with their wives on Monday. These are the first we have had from that village for this work, and they are all people of promise.

It is fifty years since the gospel was introduced into this group, and it was proposed at the meeting of Synod this year that a suitable memorial for the jubilee year would be the establishment of a training institution for young men and a missionary to be set apart for this special work. The demand for well qualified teachers is great and I hoped the proposal would be looked upon favorably by all the missionaries. Then no missionary and his wife can carry on a training class efficiently and attend the work of their district, translating, etc., without being overburdened. I hope it will be brought up again next year, and something definite decided upon.

We took a rest a few weeks ago, went south to the meeting of Synod held at Mr. Watt's Station on Tauna. We were away three weeks. Were one week in the ship and two at Mr. Watt's. There were eleven gentlemen, seven ladies and four children entertained there for that time, so you may know that Mrs. Watt had her hands full of work. Two ladies with their children went on to Aneityum, where the Dayspring lay during the meeting. We were very much crowded in the ship. There are only six cabins. The teacher's room was taken for some of the gentlemen, but still there was not sufficient accommodation. Two or three slept, or rather lay for I don't think they slept much, under the saloon table.

First Sabbath is our communion season. We have buried three church members at this village since the Lord's Supper was last dispensed. Two of our best women and a man, who sometimes acted in the capacity of a teacher. One of the women was the head teacher's wife, she was a woman of much

worth. She took a deep interest in the work generally. She was well informed and a good teacher, and had been so long with me that she could do any work that is required about a house. It was not only her ability, but her willingness and the confidence I had in her integrity, that was such a comfort to me. Her mother died a few weeks later. I had a great deal of pleasure in visiting them both during their illness.

Our boys and Jessie, at school in Australia, all seem to enjoy excellent health, and we feel that our Father has a special care over them. Alice is in her sixth year, is doing a little at her book.

May the dear Lord early lead our little ones into the narrow way. We are glad to hear that the Lord's work is prospering at home in your hands.

Yours affectionately,

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LETTER FROM THE REV. J. W. MACKENZIE.

ERAKOR, EFATE, NEW HEBRIDES,
August 1st, 1889.

My Dear Mr. McCurdy:—

Your kind letter of January 24th I received by the *Dayspring* on the 14th of May. Many thanks for it, as well as for your interest in us and our work, which prompted you to write. We are now busy getting our mail, orders, etc., ready for the *Dayspring*, which, in order to save time is only to call at certain islands. We have to send our mail round to Havannah Harbor to meet her there. She is now north, settling one of the new missionaries.

We returned about a fortnight ago from the Mission Synod, which was held at Kwamera, Tanna, the station of the Rev. W. Watt. It was the largest meeting we had for many years, and the business was transacted, for the most part, in a very satisfactory manner. We were favored with the presence of Mr. Paton, formerly missionary on Aniwa, and Mr. Bannerman, Convener of the Church of Otago and Southland.

It was very gratifying to have an accession to our ranks of two new missionaries—Mr. Smaill from Otago, and Mr. Gillan from Victoria. The former is to be settled on Epi, and the latter at Port Stanley, Malekula.—At least two more are expected next year, and thus the whole group is gradually being occupied.

Messrs. Robertson and Lawrie are absent on furlough, and leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Watt and Milne. The former intends going to Scotland to get the New Testament printed in the Tannese language.—This will be the third New Testament in