

After five successful years the CHILDREN'S RECORD has been transferred to Montreal. In 1885 the Sabbath School Committee's Report asked the General Assembly "to take such steps as would secure the issuing to the children of the church of a Record or other monthly paper." The Assembly decided to leave in the meantime the matter of providing literature for the young to private papers. A few months after that the *Children's Record* was started as a private enterprise, its proceeds to be given to missions. It was received with favour, and the circulation gradually increased until it has reached between eleven and twelve thousand per month. The initial expense of getting it established has all been repaid, and it has paid some \$400 into the F. M. Fund.

In 1880 the Assembly was again overtured to undertake such a work. It was remitted to the Record Committee, to consider. They reported favorably to last Assembly. A committee was then appointed to inquire about the *Children's Record* already published, and they were told that if they wished it, it would be transferred to them. It was accepted, and the Record Committee were directed to make arrangements for taking it over at the end of the year.

They have now done so. Rev. Mr. Cruikshank of Montreal has been appointed Editor, and the first No. of Vol. VI will be issued before the New Year. With improvement in itself and the Sanction of the Church it will enter upon a wider field of usefulness.

The Western Division of the Foreign Mission Committee has asked Rev. Dr. Morton to be its Secretary. The duties are, office work, with the preparation of the Annual Report and correspondence with the missionaries, and so far as time will admit, visiting congregations and Presbyteries and endeavoring to deepen the interest in Foreign Missions.

The Eastern Division in forwarding this offer to Dr. Morton unanimously adopted the following resolution:

The Eastern Division of the Foreign Mission Committee in forwarding to the Rev. Dr. Morton the offer of the Western Division, record their high appreciation of the wisdom,

faithfulness and zeal with which for twenty-three years he has labored in Trinidad, their gratitude to God for the measure of success with which his labors have been crowned and their sense of the loss which would ensue to the Mission should he now remove. Their prayer is that Dr. Morton may be guided aright with regard to this important matter, and while they will acquiesce in his decision and pray for his continued success should he accept, they will rejoice should he see it to be his duty to remain in the Mission.

Rev. Dr. Steel, our Missionary agent, in Australia, writes, to Mr. Morrison as follows:—

"I send you per book post a copy of the Gospels and Acts in Erromangan, just published in Sydney, under the revision and care of the Rev. H. A. Robertson. I have got 2000 copies printed at the expense of the British and Foreign Bible Society, whose Directors kindly agreed to pay for it. The cost was £137. 11s. I have at Mr. Robertson's request got 1000 copies bound, which cost £35. 8s. 4d. I have asked the B. & F. Bible Society to pay this also. These 1000 less 25 sent to the Society in London, and 25 retained here, have been forwarded Erromanga. The remaining 1000 are stored by the printer's meantime.

I have paid £40 on account as I had that sum from Rev. J. W. MacKenzie on account of the Estate Testament and the Society wished me to retain it for the payment of the Erromanga book.

Mr. Robertson is also getting a new edition of the Erromanga Catechism, printed under the care of the Rev. S. Eida."

The good work of the British and Foreign Bible Society is thus felt in every quarter of the world. No doubt this will soon be repaid by the Erromangans, and thus the Society will be enabled to carry on its work more vigorously elsewhere.

Dr. Steele writes that he has had recent word from Messrs. MacKenzie and Annand, that their families are well. He says, "Missionary news from the Islands is very encouraging; Mr. McDonald of Havannah Harbour, Estate, who has been appointed to lead a new contingent on the Island of Espritu Santo has arrived in the Colonies to make preliminary arrangements at Melbourne where a steam launch is to be got." As we stated some time since it is proposed to work the two largest islands, Malekula