

take a deep interest in the New Hebrides Mission as might be expected. She has one daughter still in the Mission, the wife of the Rev. D. Macdonald, of Efate.

We have met with great kindness from friends of the Mission wherever we have gone. The missionary spirit is stronger in Victoria than in New South Wales. They have started W. F. M. Societies lately in both Victoria and New South Wales, so that the missionary spirit is sure to grow stronger.

We came over to Tasmania three days ago. All well, we go three miles out of town to-morrow, to spend a few days with a gentleman who was a fellow-passenger with us from England to Australia, when we first came out to join the Mission, twenty years ago. This is a beautiful spot, the mother of Melbourne, as it is called, the natural scenery being very grand. We purpose going from here to Hobart, where we shall likely spend two or three weeks, thence back to Sydney, N. S. W. We have to be in Sydney sooner than we expected. We had thought of remaining until May, but our furlough is shortened by a month owing to the Island steamers having been withdrawn. The cause of their withdrawal is that the N. S. W. Government has withdrawn the subsidy. The times are so very hard, that the Government is retrenching in every possible way. Dr. Cosh. wrote us from Sydney last week that the Board would get a vessel to take the missionaries and stores down in April. We do not know how we are to be served in the future. We hardly relish the thought of going back to the old time, of two mails a year, after enjoying a monthly mail for the last three years. I fear that we have been spoiled. However, we must not complain, but be thankful for what we have enjoyed.

This has been a cool summer and we have enjoyed it so much. One awakes in the morning feeling so refreshed, but we enjoy most of all the great privilege of association with Chris-