

would they do that, they might be placed at once on most promising spheres, and the whole group be simultaneously lighted up at points not very far apart, and then, with the presence and blessing of the Master, how soon might the lights meet, and every island and inlet, from Futuna to Santo, be covered with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea!

On board the "Mary Campbell" also is a Mr. M'Kie, quite a gentlemanly man. He is one of three who have settled on the south-west side of Tanna. One of the three is a "B.A." from Oxford. I should think they are all gentlemanly. Mr. M'Kie is on his way now to Queensland, to bring his wife and family. It seems odd that they should settle in such a place as Tanna. Mr. M'Kie has been a soldier—an officer in the army. He says Tanna is open all round for missionaries and Eastern teachers and he thinks that only Christianity will save the natives from melting away before the white man. Would that you were in a position speedily to occupy all the opening field on it and elsewhere! The children of this world are wide awake. Wherever there is an open door they press in, and often where there is not they manage to make one for themselves. Your missionaries and your churches have a heavy responsibility resting upon them now that the whole group is likely to be left to you—all the heavier that the resources of the churches are ample. If these could only be developed and brought to bear, the entire New Hebrides group might be furnished with the means of grace in a very few years. May God pour out on all missionaries and ministers and churches His own Spirit in large measure, that all may rise to the magnitude of the occasion, and put forth adequate efforts for the accomplishment of the great end. Don't understand me as meaning at all to reflect upon you, my dear brother; such is far from being the case. With our united love to you and Mrs. Geddie, and Lizzie and Elia—

Ever affectionately yours,

A. W. MURRAY.

I find there is most inviting opening at Ambrym also. It is at the place where we touched in 1861.

A boat's crew from Mare were on shore there some time since. They found a party there, holding on to the lotu, observing the Sabbath, asking a blessing upon their food, and, I suppose, observing some kind of services. They were exceedingly anxious to have a teacher, and begged the Mare men to stay with them till they could get one; they told them that they were not teachers, and that it would not do for them to stay. "O," said they, "you can teach us something." Thus are these poor, benighted

men groping their way after God, and exploring these who have the light to pity their forlorn condition, and haste to their help. This state of things is to be traced, no doubt, to what occurred when we were there, viz., the taking away of the two young men—I forget their names—to Mare; they were taking back with a little light, and perhaps having felt something of the power of the truth, and so a fire has been kindled which burns still. Let us make haste to fan the smouldering ashes to a flame. One is reminded of Heber's beautiful lines—

"Shall we whose souls are lighted
With wisdom from high—
Shall we to men benighted,
The lamp of life deny?"

Oh, for an adequate supply of right-hearted and right-headed men to take up the torch and wave it wide. It is very sad to think of poor Faté, as left again without a missionary,

News of the Church.

Presbytery of P. B. Island.

This Presbytery met at Summerside, on the 27th June, and received the trials for license of Mr. F. Carr. These were, on the whole, highly approved; and the Presbytery licensed him to preach the glorious Gospel of Christ. Rev. R. Cumming reported the fulfilment of his appointment to moderate in a call at Alberton, on the 19th inst. The was in favour of Mr. Carr, and was unanimous, harmonious and enthusiastic.

The Presbytery also held several meetings at St. John, N. B., during the term of the meeting of Synod. The Presbytery agreed to recommend the congregation of Dundas to receive the usual supplement. They also unanimously agreed to apply to the Home Mission Board for a sum equal to a half year's supplement for the congregation of West Point, Campbellton, and Brae in view of the necessities of the congregation in reference to the past. Reports on the state of religion were verbally given, at one of the meetings, by the ministers of each congregation, or by the representative elder present. These were all of an encouraging character; while some of them were specially cheering, and gave indications of progress much more marked than usual.

The call from the congregation of Alberton and Tignish was considered, and found to be signed by 8 elders, 175 church members, and an adherence paper by 120 ordinary hearers. The Synod having granted