

life. Mr. Annand is a Nova Scotian, born at Gay's River, in Colchester county. He is about forty years of age. Like so many other "labourers in the Vineyard," Mr. Annand had in his youth to toil with all diligence on the farm or in a sawmill, during the summer months. In the depths of winter he attended school. When twenty years of age he attended Dalhousie College for one term with the view of qualifying himself for more intelligent work as a farmer. During that winter he felt for the first time that there was need for him in the Lord's Vineyard, and the summer was spent in private study in order to be qualified to enter College as an undergraduate in the autumn. He graduated as "B.A." of Dalhousie in 1869—after four sessions. In the autumn of 1869 he commenced his theological studies at Princeton. In course of the winter his mind was deeply impressed with the claims of the heathen world, and in 1870 he offered his services as a student-missionary to the Board in Nova Scotia. During the next two winters he attended the Presbyterian College, Halifax, and took classes in medicine in Dalhousie College. In April, 1872, he was licensed by the Presbytery of Halifax to preach the Gospel; and on the same day Dalhousie College conferred upon him the degree of M.A. He studied medicine practically for some months under Dr. Calder of Bridgewater, N.S. He was ordained by the Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth, as a foreign missionary, on the 3rd July, 1872. He was at the same time designated to the New Hebrides mission field. Mr. Annand married Miss Alice Seville of Halifax, who has proved in all respects a help meet for a foreign missionary, bearing bravely, and without a murmur, her full share of the toils, cares and deprivations incident to a missionary's life in the South Seas. Prior to his sailing, on the 5th November, Mr. Annand visited many of the congregations with a view to deepen their interest in the mission cause. Mr. Annand's career as a missionary has been marked by steady endurance, hard work, and continued success. He left Halifax in November, 1872, and returned in April, 1885, for a brief season of well-earned repose: such repose as is possible to a returned missionary! During his first two years in the New Hebrides he occupied a new field, on Efaté,

where much success crowned his efforts. He was then chosen to occupy the field where Dr. Geddie had endured so much and won such notable conquests for the Redeemer. Mr. Annand had for a considerable period full charge of the whole island of Aneityum. Recently one side of the island has been under the care of Mr. Lawrie of the Free Church of Scotland. The mission cause on Aneityum has prospered under Mr. Annand's care. Indeed that beautiful isle has become the "Iona" of the New Hebrides. Many a native Christian has gone to other isles to teach and preach and prepare the way for others. Many have fallen martyrs to the truth. The most discouraging feature of the mission, Mr. Annand thinks, is the steady though slow decrease of population—deaths regularly exceeding births.

Our Own Church.

WHILE these pages are being prepared for the press, the General Assembly is in session and the business before the house is being transacted as rapidly as its importance admits of. Long before the *Record* reaches its destinations, most of our readers will have been informed of its proceedings and what we have to offer will be to many a twice-told story. But even to them it will be convenient to have it in this form for future reference. Out of the possible four hundred there are nearly three hundred and fifty commissioners in attendance, with an unusually large proportion of elders who, both on the floor of the house and in the committees, are taking a fair share of the work. Among those who have been prevented from attending by reason of impaired health we mention with regret the name of Rev. Dr. McGregor, the Agent of the Church at Halifax. We miss his familiar face and genial companionship and express the hope that his health may be fully restored and that he may yet see many days of honoured usefulness.

OUR MODERATOR.

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