

MISSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE LOWER PROVINCES.

This sister Church is rejoicing over the result of the appeal that was made recently to the Australian and Home Governments on behalf of the kidnapped Polynesians. The good work that it has long been engaged in in the New Hebrides, and in which it has been so successful, gave this Church a claim upon the attention of those whose duty it was to put down the slave trade in the South Seas. Dr. Steele, of Sydney, however, the agent of the Mission there, while acting energetically in behalf of the South Sea Islanders, and endeavoring to enlist public opinion in their favour, was found guilty, with the proprietors of the *Sydney Morning Herald*, on account of certain letters he had written, animadverting upon the course of Australian justice, of contempt of court, reprimanded, and condemned to pay costs of trial. A very large public meeting was held immediately after, Dr. Steele's character vindicated, and a purse of fifty sovereigns presented to him to meet the expenses incurred by his straightforward conduct. The condemnation of a captain to death, and his supercargo to penal servitude for life, for slave-dealing, the despatch of Earl Granville, calling for action in a "matter in which Her Majesty's government is deeply interested," and the Admiralty instructions to vessels on the South Sea station, are signs that slavery in those regions is to be put down with a strong hand.

The Mission work proper, except as regards the health of Dr. and Mrs. Geddie and Mr. Morrison, is going on prosperously. Mr. Gordon, whose career has been a very trying one, enters with brighter prospects upon a new field of labour in Santo. Four influential chiefs were present at his landing, and gave him welcome. The Church of Scotland in Nova Scotia has just sent its first missionary, Mr. Goodwill, to the mission field of this Church.

KNOX COLLEGE STUDENTS' MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

This Society, the operations of which are conducted entirely by students of the College, has for its immediate object the evangelization of French Canadian Roman Catholics in the Province of Ontario. But during the past season, owing to a difficulty in procuring the services of suitable persons speaking the French language, the energies of the Society in a great measure had to be directed in other channels. Three Missionaries were sent out, one alone of whom is French, who remains in the mission field during the winter. The efforts of these during the past season have been crowned with a good measure of success.

The labours of Monsieur Eucher Paradis among the French Roman Catholics in Stephen and Hay have, under the blessing of God, been fruitful of very promising results. In the neighbourhood there are sixty French families, representing about two hundred and fifty souls. Chiefly through the instrumentality of Mr. Paradis, with that of other Missionaries of the Society of former years, about one-fifth of these have renounced Popery, many of whom are now rejoicing in the hope of the Gospel. The people generally manifest an inquiring disposition, and receive the Bible into their homes with gladness. With some assistance from without, the converts have collected means to build a chapel, which is now in course of erection at Lakeview.

Of the other Missionaries, one has been labouring among the English speaking people of Penetanguishene and vicinity, and the other in the