

THE NEW HEBRIDES MISSION.

Extracts of letter from Mr. Annand.

The following extracts are from a letter dated 9th June, addressed by Mr. Annand to friends at Gays River.

The mission families are all well, and the annual Synod meeting is over.

We have had a most delightful summer season, no hurricanes, and no continuous rains like we used to see in past years. The natives have enjoyed good health, and we have been at our work every day. There is not very much of interest going on here to report. Mr. Watt of Tanna was ill for a month or two, but he has recovered his usual health. Mr. Robertson did not come to our Synod meeting, as his time is much occupied in getting work done preparatory to going home. He leaves here in December.

A new missionary and his wife have come down to join us this year, Mr. and Mrs. Frazer, from Tasmania. They are to be settled on Api where the Holts were. I expect that we will go up after meeting of Synod and build a house for them. We expect a Mr. and Mrs. Gray down by the Day Spring, in September, and we also look for the McKenzie's back then. The Grays were coming with the Frazer's, and got all their stuff shipped on board the Day Spring, but just before the vessel left Mrs. Gray took Typhoid Fever and could not come on. It was a great disappointment to them. They are from South Australia.

Mr. McKenzie's chief at Erakor, died on Feb. 22nd. He will be much missed as he had a good deal of influence on Efate.

Some of the Fila people are now anxious that we should go back and teach them, as they want the gospel now. Mr. McKenzie's teachers are keeping up worship among them every Sabbath day.

June 16th.—We have now about finished our Synod work. Mr. Neilson resigns connection with the mission, and leaves to get his family educated. We expect Mr. Gray when he comes, to settle on Tanna, but on the other part of the island, some distance from Port Resolution where the Neilson's have been.

We all go up to Api now to build Mr. Frazer's house before going home to Aneityum. We have had a pleasant meeting of Synod. Next year we meet at our station. I am appointed to help settle Mr. Gray when he comes, so that I will be away a good deal from our people this

year. However since two missionaries are to remain on Aneityum, we can be spared more easily for the outside work.

THE TRINIDAD MISSION.

Letter from Rev. K. J. Grant.

Princetown, Aug. 15th 1882.

Dear Mr. Scott:—

We are here for a week in the absence of Mr. and Mrs. McLeod down to Barbadoes in the hope that his health may benefit by the change. The American Steamer is in, and I write a line with the hope that it may be in time for the mail.

Before leaving San Fernando yesterday an Indian woman whom I baptized with her husband a few weeks ago, spent an hour with us. Nine months ago when she became interested in the gospel she resolved to learn to read.

At that time she knew not a letter of the alphabet, but now she reads freely the Hindu Scriptures and she reads freely because early and late, every spare moment has been improved in reading the Word of God. They have a shop and do a considerable business, have many people about them, and five of them have made good progress. Oftentimes till ten and eleven o'clock at night she kept the teacher at her house to assist.—She resolved to get on and she has succeeded.—She gathered up the fragments of time and she has now the satisfaction of reading and examining for herself. She sings nicely, and often leads in the hymn of praise. They offer \$50.00 towards a small place of worship in the village where she lives, but as nearly all our friends here contribute to our school funds, and as the converts pay \$600.00 of my salary, I shrink from additional responsibilities without some guarantee from friends at home, and especially as my present outlay this year is nearly \$300.00 in excess of estimates, induced principally through increase in attendance at the central school, and in work forced upon me through the interference of others who desire to check our work.

Our church will be obliged to strengthen her position here. Mr. Morton's field is involving quite too much labour for one and mine is such, that with Lal Behari as my chief helper, and a large staff of real good faithful men, I am often compelled to say that I can't long continue to bear such a perpetual demand on my strength.