

A NEW MISSIONARY FOR THE NEW HEBRIDES.

The Australasian churches are rapidly overtaking the New Hebrides. Last year they sent three new missionaries to that group, and now a correspondent writes us that another is being sent by the Presbyterian Church in Tasmania. This church has already one missionary in that field, Rev. R. M. Fraser, on the large island of Epi. The new missionary is to occupy the opposite side of the island. The Free Church of Scotland has voted a sum for expense of opening the mission, providing a house, &c., and the Presbyterian Church in Tasmania, aided by a generous donor, undertakes the salary. This is as it should be. Australia is a wealthy colony. The Presbyterian Churches there are strong and growing. Missionary interest is on the increase. The deep interest which they have manifested in the New Hebrides in protesting so loudly, persistently, and successfully, against the encroachments of the French, will, among the Presbyterians of Australia, doubtless continue to manifest itself in more zealous effort for the elevation of the Islanders through missionary agency. Soon, at the present rate of progress, may we expect to see the whole group overtaken by the Presbyterian Churches in the South Seas.

The Woodville section of Rev. M. Campbell's congregation, P. E. I., has added \$50.00 to the Pastor's salary. Middle Middle Musquodoboit has increased the support of Rev. E. Bayne, by a similar amount. Glace Bay, C. B., has advanced the salary of Mr. Forbes to \$900, while Yarmouth and Spring Hill have each shown their appreciation of the services of Messrs. Rogers and Robinson, by increasing their support \$200.

The students in the Scottish Divinity Halls have missionary societies, and take up some special foreign field each year for which they collect funds during the summer. The Glasgow Free Church Divinity students have for this year adopted the missions of our Church in the North West.

We have received the printed report of the Yarmouth congregation, shewing a good year. Total receipts, \$3,983.73. For Schemes of the Church, \$435.70.

A little more than two years ago two elders from one of the Halifax City congregations set out one day to visit a family in their district, in the region of the Four Mile House, now Rockingham. Whilst engaged in their visit their attention was directed to another family quite near. They were called upon and found to be Presbyterians, but neglecting the means of grace. It was suggested that as there was no religious service near, and many were growing up in carelessness, a week evening meeting might be held at some time. No action was taken for several weeks. At length a meeting was conducted and a cottage prayer meeting established. The attendance increased, and the building eventually proving too small, the erection of a small church was suggested. One man undertook the work at first without help, and a neat building was put up, having seating capacity for over 150 people. After the little church was finished a new name, Rockingham, was given to the locality, and every Sabbath evening a service is now held. There is still \$400 debt on the building, and when this is wiped out this mission station will be placed under the care of the Halifax Presbytery. Could not the Sessions of the City congregations take steps to remove the debt at once. The Rockingham church is a monument of what zeal and energy will do.—*Com.*

Raised by Gays River and Milford congregation for schemes of the church during 1887: Home Mission, \$39.00; Foreign Mission, \$52.00; W. F. M. Societies, \$113.00; Dayspring, \$30.00; Augmentation, \$50.00; F. Evangelization, \$47.00; College Fund, \$43.00; Manitoba College, \$4.00; Bursary Fund, \$6.00; Aged and I. M. Fund, \$3.00; Assembly Fund, \$3.00; Presbytery Fund, \$4.75; Religious and Benevolent purposes, \$14.00. Total, \$413.75.—*Com.*

Dr. McCosh has resigned the Presidency of Princeton College which he has held for so long and with such signal success. Dr. Patton has been chosen in his stead.

During the last 5 months the Halifax Presbytery has held 6 visitations. Three of the city congregations are yet to be overtaken. Good results have followed these meetings.