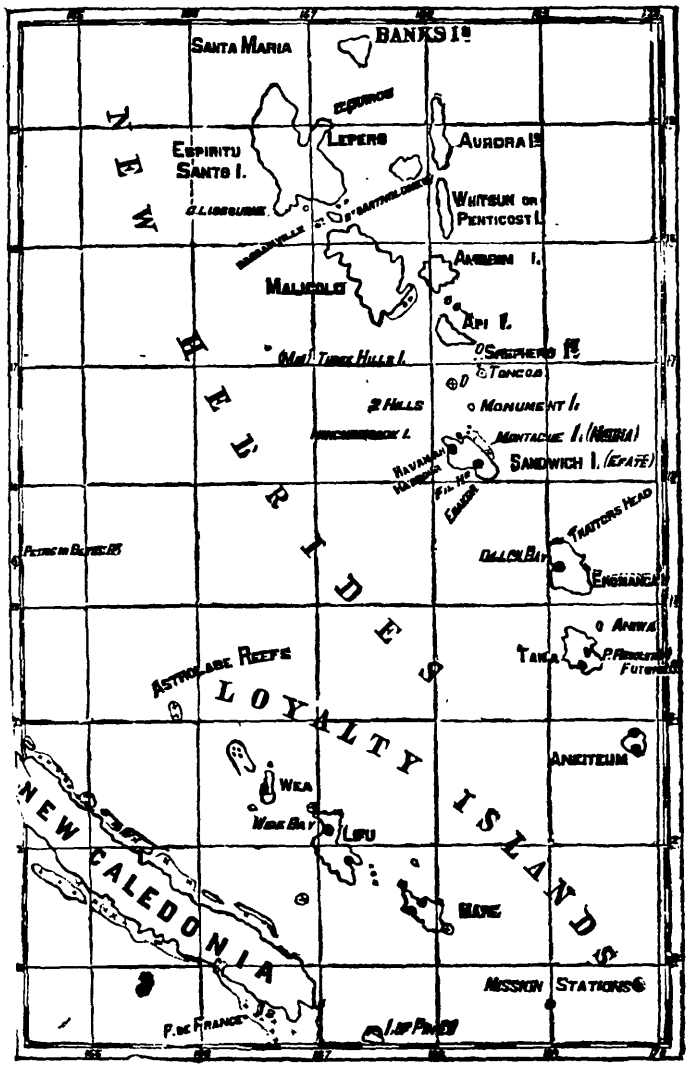slight exceptions, the inhabitants of these islands present marked differences from those on the Eastern, in colour, physical conformation, language and habits, being allied to the negro race, having a very dark rough skin, curly or frizzly hair and somewhat of a negro cast of countenance. They have been known as the Papuan or Australia negro race, but recently the term Melanesian has been most commonly applied to them. Up to this date the efforts of missionaries in the South Seas has been confined almost entirely to the Eastern race. But for some time there had been a strong desire to carry the gospel to the large and beautiful islands to the West. It was in exploring the field with the view of opening the way for the settlement of missionaries, that John Williams obtained the martyr's crown on Eromanga. After his death one attempt was made to settle European missionaries among them. In 1842 Rev. Messrs. Nisbet and Turner landed on Tana, one of the New Hebrides group, but in seven months they were obliged to abandon the field. Still a hold was kept upon it by means of native teachers from the Samoas or Rarotonga, who had been located at various points, New Caledonia, the Loyalty Islands, and the New Hebrides. We should here observe that in commencing missionary operations among these islands, the plan found most advisable is first to locate among them teachers from tribes or islands already christianized, on obtaining a promise of protection and kind treatment from the chief or chiefs of the district. Experience has shown that under such a promise they are safe within its bounds, which, however, may be very restricted. The instances in which a chief has proved faithless to his pledged word are not many. These teachers are but of limited attainments, and are only expected to do a sort of pioneer work, in opening the way for missionaries. These had now been laboring for some time, sometimes with encouragement, but more frequently amid privation and danger, in some instances being obliged to flee for their lives, in others, falling before the diseases of a climate unsuitable to their constitution, and some cases being murdered.