

We endorse the following reference to the election, in the *Scottish American Journal*, —

"THE recent contest for the election of a Bishop for the Anglican Church in the Toronto diocese is suggestive of two thoughts with which the public is concerned. The first is the strength and influence the laity of the Church can bring to bear against the encroachments of the clergy: and the second, is the evident determination of the laity to preserve the doctrine and worship of the Church purely Evangelical and Protestant. Both thoughts are of the utmost consequence at the present moment. The contest which has so happily closed was really a struggle between contending principles as embodied in, and represented by, the two distinctive parties known as High Church and Low Church; and the conclusion arrived at is an emphatic condemnation of any system or policy which would tend to restrict the liberty of the laity in the Church, or to weaken its Protestant character and influence. The whole community may be congratulated upon the election ultimately made."

## The North-West Territories.

LETTER FROM REV. GEORGE FLETT.

MISSIONARY TO THE CREES IN THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES: TO MRS. BRYCE, PRESIDENT OF THE LADIES' ASSOCIATION OF KNOX CHURCH, WINNIPEG.

RECEIVED the big bundle of very good clothing you and other kind friends sent out to the Okanase school children and young men, for which the Chief and the Christian Indians authorize me to thank you most sincerely, and also the kind friends that helped you to make up the bundle. I hope you will let the people know that the Indians were very thankful. It is all that they can do. We hope that the Giver of every good and perfect gift will reward you all. I am very thankful to see some fruit of our labour through the grace of God. I spend all my wages on them although our Church pays me very well, yet I have not one dollar before me. I have not only spent my wages but much of my own property, but I am not sorry for it.

Our Sabbath-school is very well attended. Mrs. Flett's class of girls yesterday was nine, and my own class of young men and boys was fourteen. The young men read in the Cree language, all the boys and girls, in English. The most of the Indians are off to their hunting grounds. That makes our meeting rather small. Our congregation at present is thirty to forty, old and young.

We sing psalms and paraphrases at the church service, and hymns for Sabbath-school.

We have good singing, at least I think so. We have lost our Annie's help in singing. She was a great help to us. But she is off. God be with them. If I was a good writer I would write you much more, with kind regards to all.  
G. FLETT.

## Our New Hebrides Mission.

AN URGENT APPEAL TO THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA,  
FOR ANOTHER MISSIONARY  
FOR EROMANGA.

ADDRESSED TO THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS  
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA.

DEAR BRETHREN,—The crying Need of this Island at present is ANOTHER MISSIONARY. I thank God with all my heart for the success that has attended our labours these six years on this dark Island, and considering the debased and savage state of the people, and the comparative insignificance of the human agency at work during that time, the success has not been small, or unimportant. But while we know that a very great improvement has taken place, and visitors notice the change, still the work, to a large extent, has been preparatory in its nature and necessarily superficial. And how can it be anything but preparatory and superficial when for the last six and a half years the whole burden of the work has come upon the shoulders of one feeble missionary! The Island is about 95 miles in circumference and its inhabitants are very much scattered. Stretches of bare country and miles of coral coast over which we must pass have no population at all, but still take time and waste strength. We have always had a fine boat, 'tis true, and there is perhaps no island of equal size in the New Hebrides which is more easily worked with a boat than Eromanga, as there are so many rivers, or large streams of fresh water where we can run in and anchor for the night or in stress of weather, but then, very many districts must be visited overland and to overtake all of these is no small labour. The visits must be frequent or the work will suffer. A thousand petty disputes have to be quieted,—the sick and dying to look after, books to prepare and distribute: chief's childish whims to be smoothed down, and every man who goes out as a teacher instructed by the one missionary.

I have had also to build and keep up two mission stations, (at Dillon's Bay) owing to hurricanes, floods and tidal waves, and natural decay, (which is extremely rapid), causing an immense amount of labour. With our time so much cut up, considering the material upon which we operate—in the first instance—the extent of the field, the feebleness of native character, the hasty and imperfect training some of