

men. They were very orderly and quiet, with the exception of a little chat among the women. We have privileges here for which missionaries in India often sigh, namely, access to the female part of the population. While duly valuing the privilege, we have learned the appropriateness of St. Paul's advice, "Let your women keep silence in the churches."

After this meeting was concluded, some of the leading men proceeded to make a collection. At first I did not know what I ought to do. But as it was altogether unsolicited, and the habit of contributing of our substance as a religious duty—a part of our worship—is a good one, I determined to receive it as freely as it was offered. The collection amounted to sixty cents, which I have placed to the credit of the Foreign Mission Fund.

The second meeting was attended by twenty, and was held in the Sugar Mill. All was quiet for a time, until one of the Estate Sardars (drivers) came in. Of course he had lost the opening prayer, and he did not seem to care for the preaching. He wanted the name of God to be repeated. Then he took exception to my Hindustani and Book as containing Urdu words, he wanted pure Hindi. His next interruption was to know who paid me, and on hearing it was not the Queen he advised me to study Hindustani more, and I would be sure to get a situation as Bailiff or Interpreter; and to stimulate my ambition he told me of two coolies—Gopal and Nankoo by name—who were paid by the Queen, eighty and one hundred dollars a month respectively. After a little he left, and I then took occasion to tell the others that I did not wish a situation under the Queen; my desire was to be their friend and do them good. This won their attention, and seemed to please them.

"Behold the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

Yours, very sincerely,

JOHN MORTON.

REV. P. G. MCGREGOR, {
Sec'y. F. M. Board. }

NEW HEBRIDES MISSION.

Letter from Rev. Dr. Steel.

77 MACLEAG ST., SYDNEY, N. S. WALES, {
1st December, 1868. }

My Dear Sir,—My last letter acknowledged receipt of the £500. I had not then got your brief note stating what you had been passing through. I sincerely trust that you do not sorrow as those who are without hope, and that the manifold grace of God has been sufficient for your period

of bereavement as for all other times and circumstances. I will be glad to hear from you at your convenience. I have much pleasure in communicating to you the official notification of the appointment of Mr. Gordon as the Missionary of our Church in New South Wales. The General Assembly approved of the Report of the Committee which recommended this. His engagement with our Church will commence on the first of January, 1869. I trust he will still be followed by the earnest prayers of all his friends and well-wishers in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. I trust also that you will speedily send forth two more labourers to take the place of Messrs. McCullagh and Gordon. The General Assembly also agreed to give, through the Sabbath Schools, an annual sum of not less than £2 0 a year for the *Dayspring*. They approved of the Insurance Fund and recommended it to the liberality of the people.—The General Assembly of the Church in Victoria have devoted £1500 to this Fund. I have sent £225, which I had from New Zealand, to the same object, and with the consent of the missionaries lent £275 from the native teachers fund, with the use of the interest, the principal to be repaid as the contributions to insurance come in till the fund is £3000. Thus £2000 can be funded at once, and save £180 a year for insurance. The interest, say £160 a year, will be a Repairs Fund, and thus effect another large annual outlay.

The *Dayspring* goes to New Zealand in January. Mr. Inglis accompanies the vessel and the Rev. Mr. Watt will join him there.

The removal of natives off these islands of the New Hebrides is causing much distress to the missionaries and to us. I send you a letter in the newspaper, which I would like you to republish, from the pen of Mr. Inglis. Natives are taken to New Caledonia, Fiji and Queensland.

I will write you with annual statement in January. Mr. Morrison was rather better when I last heard. With christian regards and sympathies,

I am, yours, very sincerely,

ROBERT STEEL.

REV. P. G. MCGREGOR.

Letter from Rev. D. McDonald.

EMERALDHILL, MELBOURNE, {
5th December, 1868. }

My Dear Sir,—The meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria is just over. You will find a tolerably full account of its proceedings in the November number of the *Review*, which is sent to you by every mail, and which I hope you get regularly.

I write this to inform you, officially,