

The missionaries in the New Hebrides and in Trinidad keep up a constant interest in their mission by letters, varying in length from a long account of a season's labours to a mere statement of fact, which appear month after month in the *Home and Foreign Record*. The Rev. J. Geddie has just completed arrangements for the printing of the Old Testament. He visited the islands of the New Hebrides group during the months of November and December of last year. In Futuna he found Mr. and Mrs. Copeland labouring with success, somewhat retarded, however, by the visits of Queensland and Fiji slavers. Four Aneityum teachers assist Mr. Copeland, and with these Mr. Geddie left an Eastern Island teacher. In Aniwa he found Mr. and Mrs. Paton somewhat sickly, and the inhabitants dying rapidly. There, also, an Eastern teacher was left. An epidemic had made its appearance in Tanna. Mr. Neilson and Mr. Watt labour there with satisfactory results. Mr. Geddie did not see Mr. Gordon, now labouring alone in Erromanga, where Mr. McNair died so recently, as he was in another part of the island. Efate he found in the hands of the native teachers, Mr. and Mrs. Cosh having gone to New Zealand on account of Mrs. Cosh's health. They hope to return shortly. The Rev. J. Goodwill was taken from Espirito Santo by the *Dayspring* for a change of air, as he had been suffering from fever. Mr. and Mrs. Milne, in Nguna, a healthy island, are comfortably settled among inoffensive natives. Three Rarotongan teachers were left with them. Mr. Geddie complains greatly of the evils of the Australian slave trade. The British Government has given strict orders in regard to its extinction; but the number engaged in the traffic, and the small number of men-of-war in the station, prevent their orders being fully carried out.

Aziz Ahmud, mentioned in the last number of our own *RECORD* as one of the Trinidad converts, has been baptized by the Rev. J. Morton, and witnessed a good confession before Brahmans and Mussulmans. Three Coolies, the two missionaries and Mrs. Morton, and two gentlemen of the Church of England, then sat down together at the communion table. One of the three Coolies, Thomas Walter Cockey, was received on this occasion into communion with the Church.

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We trust that we shall never be called upon to open the pages of the *RECORD* to letters from the wives of our missionaries, home or foreign, whose necessities compel them to make public their state of destitution, and to solicit contributions of clothing and groceries for the minister's own household and family, such as appear in the *Record* of the sister Church of the United States.

From these we turn with pleasure to the great work which this noble Church is doing in so many parts of the world. Two persons have been admitted to the communion of the Church of Sorocaba, Brazil; one to the Church of Benita, West Africa; and two to the Chinese Church of San Francisco. Fourteen persons had applied for admission, at last advices, to the Creek Church.

In Brazil the Rev. F. J. C. Schneider and his wife have opened the new station of Bahia. More labourers are called for from Japan and Brazil, and another minister is asked for by the Creeks. The people of Tripoli, in Syria, have sought religious teachers from the Mission, have endured some slight persecution, and are taking measures to become formally recognized as Protestants. The Mahomedans and Nestorians of Persia are surprising