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In this issue we give the reports of all the Trinidad Missionaries for 1887. We have thus a complete review of the work in that field for the year. There are lights and shadows, ebbs and flows, but the work steadily advances. This is the more clearly seen when we look back over a period of several years. One thing a close observer will notice, viz., that the number of children reported at school is not much larger than some years since, but one reason is that the Government has taken over several schools and supports them, while so far as Christian influence over them is concerned the missionaries have the same access to them as before. This is a great advance. It relieves the mission of the work of educating the young Coolies and yet provides for their education and religious training.

In our last issue we gave the minutes of the last New Hebrides Synod. The latest news from the mission field is encouraging. The missionaries are enjoying a fair measure of success.

Rev. J. W. McKenzie and family, of Efate, are in Australia on furlough at

present. The furlough means far more to them than merely a cessation from work or leaving the society of half savage natives for that of Christian civilization; it means the reunion of their family. Meeting for a little with their children who are in Australia at school. It means that for a little time once in five years the family enjoy each others society and presence. One of the hardest trials in the lot of a missionary's life among these islands is the breaking up of the family, and the sending away of the children at a very tender age, before they can learn anything of evil from the native children from whom it is impossible to keep them separated.

The Robertsons are well but three of their children are in Australia and their home is lonely too.

The Amnands are well pleased with their new home on the island of Tangoa, from which they purpose extending their work to Santo, the people of Tangoa being the same, having the same language, with a number of villages on the South side of Santo. For a time after their settlement Mr. Amnand suffered severely from Sciatica, but by the latest report he was almost well again.

The urgent and persistent representatives of the Australians seems to have resulted in the French engaging to give up their military occupation of the island in the meantime, though there is no doubt that French influence will gradually predominate from the constant purchase of land by the New Hebrides trading Company.

A remarkable incident comes from a village in Servia. A Bible had been procured from Germany by some villagers, to get a verse from it to engrave on a monument to friends who had fallen in the Austro-German War. It was handed from house to house, and the reading of it has been the means of converting family after family in the village.