

# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS--- EASTERN SECTION, 1882.

The Committee having sent to the Press all the reports and letters which they have received from the missionaries, have little that is new to lay before the General Assembly. They will therefore compress their Annual Statement within shorter space than usual. Of the two missions under their superintendence they will present a brief record

## OF THE NEW HEBRIDES MISSION.

The work of Christian Missions on the New Hebrides Islands is conducted by Missionaries in connection with various branches of the Church, as follows:		
Missionary.	Appointed.	Location
Rev. J. W. Mackenzie.	1872.	Elfe
Rev. Joseph Anand.	M. A. 1873.	Anityum
Rev. H. A. Robertson.	1872.	Erromanga
Rev. Thomas Neilson.	1864.	Tanna
Mr. James H. Lawrie.	1879.	Anityum
Rev. John O. Paton.	1888.	Aniva
Rev. D. Macdonald.	1871.	Elfe
Rev. William Watt.	1869.	Tanna
Rev. Peter Milne.	1869.	Ngma
Rev. Oscar Mitchellson.	1878.	Tonga
Rev. Mr. Gray.	1881.	not located
Rev. Mr. Fraser.	1881.	not located
Church Supporting		
		Presbyterian Church of Canada.
		Free Church of Scotland.
		Presbyterian Church of Victoria.
		Presbyterian Church of New Zealand.
		Presbyterian Church of Otago and Southland.
		Presbyterian Church of South Australia and Tasmania.

The Mission is of a composite character. The missionaries are sent out and supported by the different churches named; and to them are severally responsible. They however meet annually in Synod, and deliberate and decide on measures to be carried out for the common good, and for the evangelization of the group. Rather more than one fourth of the located missionaries are from the Presbyterian Church in Canada and the principal reference here will be to their position, work and progress.

## REV. MR. MACKENZIE—EFATE.

Mr. Mackenzie in consequence of serious indisposition, and consequent loss of strength, returned on a furlough one year ago, seeking rest and vigour, so that he might as soon as possible resume his work. He was very cordially welcomed, as an earnest and faithful laborer.

Mr. Mackenzie finding himself greatly recruited by a few months of rest, devoted a great deal of time and energy to visiting congregations, and wherever he has gone the people have shown deep interest in himself and in the mission which he represented. His hearty reception in all places visited, the practical expression of interest in his work, and regard for the comfort of himself and family, every where evinced, have proved refreshing to himself and gratifying to the committee; and in no case was this more unexpected, spontaneous, and munificent than by friends in the city of Montreal, whose aid is hereby acknowledged.

Notwithstanding Mr. Mackenzie's abundant labor he has so far been sustained and strengthened and if the Lord will, will probably leave our shores before the meeting of the General Assembly.

## REV. MR. ROBERTSON—EROMANGA.

The subjoined is Mr. Robertson's own condensed statement for the year past:—"I think I can safely say, notwithstanding two cases of deliberate murder, that this year has been, at least, one of the most encouraging we have had in the work on this Island.

Between meeting of Synod in 1880 and this date, 4,000 lbs. of excellent Arrow-root have been prepared by the church-going people, extending over two-thirds of the island; a bridge track has been cut from Dillon Bay to Cook's landing, a distance of at least, 18 miles; a strong Mission Cottage 30ft. x 20ft., of the best Australian hardwood, has been erected at Cook's Landing; a substantial wattle and plaster School House 30ft. x 20ft., has been built at Dillons Bay; the Martyrs Church plastered inside, and for these buildings 5 kilns of lime were made. Since January a number of the districts occupied by our teachers have been visited, either by boat or overland, and by the 1st February (1882) we hope to complete the visitation of all our outposts. At present we occupy twenty-three districts and most of the teachers are doing well.

Among our teachers and Church members, there have been no cases requiring disciplinary action, but a few of our people