

month it will be seven years since my designation to this field, and I purpose (D.V.) about that time to send you a review of those seven years in British Columbia.

Yours fraternally,

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NEW HEBRIDES.

MISSIONS OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LOWER PROVINCES.

Dr. Ceddie, under the date 3rd August, writes to Rev. Mr. McGregor, with reference to the Missions in the New Hebrides. We subjoin the principal part of his letter.

"The *Dayspring* has just returned from the neighbouring islands, and the mission families were all well when she left them. She called at Tanna on her voyage home, and the state of matters there was much more favourable than during the last year. Messrs. Inglis and Neilson were on board, and they brought about fifty Tannese on a visit to this island—most of them chiefs or men of influence. Nauka, the principal chief of Port Resolution, is not of the number, but he has sent two of his sons to represent him. Many of the Tannese wish Mr. Neilson to settle on their island, though there is a strong feeling against the mission. Mr. Neilson and I will accompany our Tanna visitors to their own island in a few days, and if the natives will consent to receive a missionary, steps will be taken to re-commence the mission. After the repulse of last year, it is hard to say what will be the result of this new effort to introduce the gospel into that dark island; let us pray God that it may be crowned with success. Mr. Neilson has some advantages in his favour which make him eligible as a missionary for Tanna. He was not on the islands when the unhappy affair occurred, which has been the chief cause of our disappointment on Tanna of late years. His knowledge of medicine has also strongly recommended him to the Tannese. He was successful, under God, in curing a chief who was very ill, and probably saved his life; and he now goes by the name of *Docta*. So great is their faith in his skill, that an application was made to him during his last visit to put in a new eye for an old man who had lost one of his eyes many years ago. Add to all this Mr. Neilson's heart is in Tanna, and that island is his chosen field of labour.

"As Mr. Gordon may not be able to write you by this chance, I may just say that he has given up the idea of visiting the island of Espirito Santo this year. He is now opening a station on the north side of Erromanga, and has left Mr. McNair to occupy the station at Dillon's Bay. I am sure the mission will all approve of the step which Mr. Gordon has taken, for his removal from Erromanga at the present time would be a serious injury to the mission there.

"Our latest letters from Mr. Morrison do not encourage us to hope for his speedy return to the islands. His health was slightly improved, but he is still very delicate. His removal from the mission has been a serious trial to it. Let us pray, if it be God's will, that his valuable life may be spared, and that he may have years of usefulness before him.

"I hope to spend this month between the islands of Tanna and Erromanga; and am under appointment also to spend the months of October and November in making an exploratory voyage among the heathen