

MARTYRS' MEMORIAL CHURCH ON ERROMANGA.

We have already noticed the proposal of erecting a Church on Erromanga as a fitting memorial of the missionaries who hazarded their lives for the faith of Christ in this distant isle of the sea, and who sealed their testimony with their blood. The idea first suggested itself to Mr. Gill, one of the London Missionary Society's Agents so long ago as 1862, when a small sum of money was collected for the purpose. No further action seems to have been taken in the matter, however, until quite recently, when the project was revived, and a few additional amounts obtained, so that now the sum of £50 sterling is in hand. The estimated cost of a suitable edifice is only some \$1000. We trust there will be no difficulty in raising the balance for carrying out so praiseworthy an object. The fact of the Church at Dillon's Bay having been recently destroyed by a hurricane is, of itself, a sufficient reason for the erection of another place of worship. If any additional incentive is needed to call forth a generous response, the statements contained in our brief historical sketch of the New Hebrides in this issue supply all that is necessary to render the recognition of such signal services and sufferings at once a duty and a privilege. We trust that many of our readers, taking this view of the matter, will willingly forward their contributions to the Rev. Dr. McGregor of Halifax.

TINNEVELLY.

This is a name very well known in the annals of missionary enterprise. It is a district in the south-east of India, within the presidency of Madras. For forty years it has been a mission field of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign parts, and has yielded such fruits as few mission fields have done. Twenty years ago we remember to have met the statement that one English missionary had himself founded in Tinnevelly sixty schools, built sixty-six chapels, baptized 3100 persons, and had seen the converts destroy forty Devil temples in which they had previously worshipped. But the most recent accounts from Tinnevelly cast in the shade the remarkable re-

cord of previous results. In seven months, more than 16,000 natives, hitherto unconvinced by the preaching of the Gospel, have sent in their names to BISHOP CALDWELL, and placed themselves under instruction for Christian baptism. The movement is still going on, and spreading out in the neighbouring districts. "Village after village is laying aside its heathenism and seeking admission into the Fold of Christ. The event is unparalleled. No doubt it is to be accounted for to some extent by the natural gratitude of the Hindoo for that act of Christian beneficence by which suffering millions were relieved in the recent famine. The Bishop of Madras and Bishop Caldwell, his assistant, have issued an appeal to the Churches in England asking for ten additional clergymen and seventy additional catechists for the instruction of these candidates and the further development of the movement. To send out the clergymen from England, and to support them and the catechists for five years, a sum of £20,000 is needed; and it is hoped that at the end of five years the churches in that part may be placed under trained native clergymen, and the English missionaries be transferred to some neighbouring field of evangelistic work.

Joy in Heaven.

IT is not to be expected that ministers should follow precisely the same line of thought and argument in discoursing from the same text. But it is remarkable to find two men of eminent ability preaching from the same text and neither of them making any reference to the one idea of supreme interest contained in it. An instance of this occurs in the "Metropolitan Pulpit" for September, which contains the outlines of two sermons; one by the Rev. Dr. Tiffany, and the other by Rev. Dr. S. V. Leech, both of the Methodist Church, United States. Their text is in St. Luke's Gospel xv: 10. The words are these:—"Likewise I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the Angels of God over one sinner that repenteth. So far as can be inferred from the outline of the discourses presented, the burden of both is, "ANGELIC JOY OVER REPENTANT SINNERS."