

and of which the proceedings on the 13th supply sufficient evidence.

A church has likewise been built in San Fernando, which is alike an ornament to the town, and an honor to the founders. In it worship is held every Sunday, and the services conducted in the Hindostanee language. Coolie schools have also been established on the Estates of Mr. Burnley in Savanetta, and those of Mr. Turnbull in Conva, and supported by those gentlemen, which are under the direction and regular inspection of Mr. Morton.

We cannot conclude this notice without joining in the wish, that the exertions of the Rev. gentlemen may be crowned with success, and their hands strengthened by a liberal government and a sympathising public — (*Communicated.*) — *Trinidad Chronicle.*

NEW HEBRIDES MISSION.

Letter from Rev. J. D Murray.

ANELCAUHAT, ANEITYUM, {
August 31st, 1872. }

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—I sent you a note by a Fiji trading vessel, on the 13th of May, to say that we had reached our destination in safety, on the 1st of that month, after a prosperous passage, per *Dayspring*, of 18 days from Melbourne. Since then, I have received two mails from home; one by a Sydney trader, which arrived here on the 11th of June, and the other by our mission vessel, which returned hither from the northern islands on the 26th inst. By the former, I received your letter, dated Jan'y 30th, together with the January and Feb'y numbers of the *Record*, and two January numbers of the *Witness*; and by the latter, the March number of the *Record*, and six numbers of the *Witness*—viz., those from January 27th to April 6th; and these last I would probably have received with the first, had they not been sent by mistake to the Rev. A. W. Murray, of Mare, one of the Loyalty Group. I am now writing you by the *Dayspring*.

MR. GORDON'S DEATH.

In the note which I wrote you, after our arrival at this island, I had to communicate the striking and painful intelligence of the murder of Rev. Mr. Gordon, of Erromanga, in March last. Mr. Robertson has since been settled on that island, and I refer you to his letter for the particulars of this latest horrid deed of cruelty, on these dark islands. The murder of Bishop Patteson and his colleagues, by the natives of Santa Cruz, we thought shocking enough, but that of our devoted brother, Mr. Gordon, was naturally still more startling and

affecting to us, our relations, to him being so much more intimate. We know, however, that the Lord reigneth, and that He can over-rule these trying dispensations of his providence for the accomplishment of greater good than we have the power of foreseeing.

DR. GEDDIE'S ILLNESS.

You will learn with deep sorrow, that Dr. Geddie has been laid aside from active service by serious illness. He was seized with an attack of paralysis, at this place, on the 8th June, which was also the day on which I had been appointed, by the Mission Synod, to succeed him. The Synod was in annual session at this station, from the 4th to the 12th of June. The minutes of our proceedings at the different meetings held, during the time, are to be forwarded to you; and I shall not therefore report to you with respect to any of the business then despatched, except to note the

APPOINTMENTS OF THE NEWLY-ARRIVED MISSIONARIES.

As there were three vacancies in the islands, the distribution of us has been such as to leave only one to enter upon a new field this year. Mr. Robertson has gone to occupy the station at Dillon's Bay, Erromanga, vacated by the death of the late Mr. McNair. Mr. McKenzie has been appointed, and is now about to proceed to Pango and Erakor, on the islands of Fate. These were formerly occupied by two missionaries: but as the stations are only three or four miles apart, they have been judiciously united into one, to be occupied by Mr. McKenzie. Erakor was left vacant, as you are aware, by the death of our missionary, Mr. Morrison,—and Pango by the resignation of Mr. Cosh, Missionary of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, who has recently been translated to the pastoral charge of a Presbyterian congregation in the vicinity of Sydney, New South Wales. Mr. Macdonald, Missionary from the P. C. of Victoria, has gone to form a new station at Havannah Harbour, on the island of Efate; and I am here to enter into the labours of the Father of the Mission, Dr. Geddie.

ANEITEUM.

I have not yet seen any of the isles of this group, except Aneityum, and cannot therefore say anything about them from personal observation; and I need scarcely describe to you the character of this island, with which, of all others in these Seas, you are already so familiar. I can add my testimony to those of the Missionaries who were here before me to report to you that here "every prospect pleases." The island is evidently of volcanic origin, and very fertile. It seems to consist of three territo-