

to me, personally, nothing would be more agreeable, than to have a co-missionary on the island so able, so earnest, and so workable as Mr. Neilson. But two formidable objections presented themselves to this arrangement. In the first place Mr. Neilson's settlement on Tanna was effected with difficulty, and these same difficulties might all return if his station was left vacant, and he has not yet been three years at Port Resolution. He has now acquired so much of the language, and such an acquaintance with the people that he is fast acquiring an influence over them, and were that station to be left, just at the point where it was once and again broken up before, it would be most injurious to the Tanna mission, and not to be thought of unless under the most pressing emergency. In the next place, *Anceitum* and *Anelicaulat* have, for nearly a quarter of a century, been familiar as household words to the friends and supporters of your mission. And it is still the only station occupied by your church, where the effects of the work have been either extensive or of long standing. To pass this station into the hands of a missionary belonging to another church, would be depriving your church of her most cherished associations, in connexion with that mission, and would be an arrangement not to be entered into without your distinct and deliberate approval; and even were that given, I should be sorry, for the general interests of the mission, to see it carried into effect.

To do justice to yourselves and to the general interests of the mission, it should be occupied without delay, by one of your best men. A man of business habits, of missionary spirit, of a workable disposition, and in whom the church has entire confidence. In many respects an ordained minister, with some years experience, would be preferable to a young man. No one need be afraid to come to this island. They would be as safe here as in Nova Scotia. The mission premises are commodious, convenient and comfortable. He would not be coming to "rough it," but to re-enter civilized life. Praying that the spirit of wisdom and counsel may rest largely on your Board in all their deliberations.

I remain, my dear sir,
Yours very truly,
JOHN INGLIS.

Work in Micronesia.

The new "Morning Star" sailed from Honolulu on the 22d ult., on her first voyage to Micronesia. Her departure called together a large concourse of foreigners and Hawaiians. She was freighted with the richest cargo which ever left our port.

There were old and veteran missionaries returning to their former fields of labor, and new missionaries going forth for the first time, full of hope and buoyant with fond anticipations of success. The former class included the Rev. B. Snow and wife, the Rev. A. A. Sturges, Mrs. Doane, and the Rev. H. Bingham and wife; while in the latter class were the Rev. Mr. Whitney and wife, with two Hawaiian assistants and their wives.

The day before the sailing of the vessel, most opportunely, there was an arrival from Sydney, which brought letters from Micronesia, announcing the progress of the missionary work in that part of the Pacific isles. The old King of Apaiang had died; but his son, as successor, had come out boldly on the side of the mission. The number of readers was rapidly increasing, and there was a loud call for more books. Fortunately, the "Morning Star" goes freighted with a large supply of books for the schools on all the islands. It is a noteworthy fact that the missionaries have been obliged to reduce four distinct languages to a written form, and to prepare books and translations in all. The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Bingham alone can prepare books in the language of the Gilbert Islanders, the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Snow in the Kusaie dialect, the Rev. Messrs. Sturges and Doane in the Bonepean, and Mr. Snow in that of the Marshall Islanders. It needs but a glance at their field of labor to convince the observer that these missionaries occupy no sinecures. They have been called to a great work, and most admirably are they fitted for that work.

Considering how much has been done, it is difficult to realize the fact that all this has been accomplished in the short space of nineteen years. The schooner "Caroline" sailed with the pioneer missionaries for Micronesia, in 1852, July 15th; hence the recent departure of the "Morning Star" might almost be regarded as making the 19th anniversary of that mission. It is a little singular that Messrs. Snow and Sturges, with their wives, were among the original missionaries; but now they go forth again, yet under far different auspices. Now they go to islands evangelized and churches organized.—*Cor. Independent.*

TRINIDAD MISSION.

Letter from Rev. J. Morton.

SAN FERNANDO, AUG. 7, 1871.

Rev. and Dear Brother,—Since I last wrote you Mrs. Morton has been prostrated by a severe attack of marsh fever. We were in consequence obliged to remove to