

very encouraging circumstances. Our exploratory voyages north have already resulted in the occupation of two important islands which will become centres from which the Gospel should radiate to the dark regions beyond.

"I expect to see Mrs. McNair here in a few days. It is probable that she will make her home with us until she goes to the colonies. I presume that she intends to go to Scotland. She is in very delicate health.

"I have just heard from Dr. Steel that Mr. Blue is not coming to the islands. Oh, how I long to see one or two missionaries from home! The cause must go down here unless the Church can send us help. The magnitude of the work around us, and the feebleness of the instrumentality, is of itself an oppressive thought. Do make every effort to send us help, and send it without delay. May God move some heart to come to our aid in this our hour of need. You should make an immediate and urgent appeal to our friends in Canada to send one or two missionaries to the New Hebrides, for the Mission has many and warm friends in that quarter.

"I send with this letter a copy of a minute passed at our last meeting of Mission Council, in reference to our lamented brother Morrison, and also a few lines written by the late Mr. Matheson, which his friends will value.

"Ever yours,

(Signed,)

"JOHN GEDDIE."

FREE CHURCH MISSIONS.

Mr. Van Audel, who originated the school at Pesth, has begun a similar work in Prague, and has an attendance of between twenty and thirty children, some of them Jewesses. Mr. Tomory gives an account of the examination of the German school at Constantinople in December. One hundred and thirty children, many of whom were Jewish, were present.

A number of the Gonds, among whom Mr. Dawson has been labouring for some time past, have, within the past four months, openly professed their faith in Christ by receiving baptism.

A new church is in course of erection in Lovedale, Caffraria. The cost of it will be between \$3000 and \$3500, and only some \$500 are required to make up the sum, the remainder having been contributed in the Lovedale district.

Mr. Wisely writes from Malta, regretting, among other things, that the British Government there has always frowned upon what it calls proselytism, so that at this moment there is not a single Maltese Protestant in the island.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS.

The Foreign Mission Committee of this Church is making applications for Missionaries to go to Trinidad, India and China, and for an Evangelist and a Medical Missionary for Old Calabar.

Rev. William Martin and Dr. Husband, with their wives and Miss Traill, reached Ajmere, in Rajpootana, on the 23rd of December. Miss Kirk has since been married at Beawar, to the Rev. John Traill.

The Rev. Dr. Somerville, Interim Foreign Mission Secretary of the United Presbyterian Church, in an appeal on behalf of the French Protestants, says:

"For many years our Church has granted considerable sums for the support and the spread of the gospel in France. We have given annually to the Union of Evangelical Churches £500; to the Evangelical Society of Geneva, for Saintonge in Western France, £250; and to the Evangelical