

Mission held on board the *Dayspring* at Havannah harbor, August 18th, 1865, present, Revs. J. Inglis, J. G. Paton, D. Morrison, W. McCullagh and Captain Fraser, Mr. Inglis in the chair, *inter alia*, it was unanimously agreed,

"That the thanks of this meeting are due to Commodore Sir William Wiseman, Bart, C. B., &c., for the kind and courteous manner in which he received the memorial respecting the loss of life, and property sustained by this mission on Tanna, Erromanga and Fate, and the promptitude with which he proceeded to investigate and redress those grievances."

"The members of the Mission observed with great satisfaction the wise, judicious, and vigorous, yet humane, policy pursued by the Commodore, and that his officers and men were actuated by the same spirit; and their hope is that he may be able to complete such other arrangements as may still be necessary to bring murderers to justice, and render the life of British subjects safe and their property secure throughout these islands."

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servants,

JOHN INGLIS, *Chairman*,

WM. McCULLAGH, *Secretary*.

REPLY.

H. M. S. "*Caroon*," at Havannah Har- }
bor, Sandwich Island, New Hebrides, }
August 18th, 1865. }

Sir,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of a letter, communicating to me a resolution passed this day at a meeting of the New Hebrides Mission, held on board the schooner *Dayspring* in this harbor.

It is with much gratification that I learn that the policy I have adopted towards the natives, during my visit to the New Hebrides, has been to the satisfaction of the Mission, and that it is likely to be productive of good results.

I beg further to assure the New Hebrides Mission that all well authenticated cases of murder, and ill-treatment of British subjects, and cases of destruction of British property, will receive prompt investigation and redress.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. WISEMAN.

Com. Commanding Australian Squadron.

To the Rev. J. INGLIS, Chairman of the New Hebrides Mission.

We have heard to-day that three lives were lost by the explosion of a shell at Tanna, but we cannot say whether or not this report be correct. Certain it is that great damage has been done, and the report

will soon spread over other islands regarding the visit of a man-of-war to Tanna.

Whether the Commodore will return to Erromanga on his way to New Caledonia and Sydney, we do not know, but in the meantime our brother Mr. Gordon is in a very critical situation. Thirty lives have been sacrificed on this island during the past year, and fourteen of these belonged to Fate. Fletcher, the European, was quite an inoffensive man. As I stated in a former letter, the Commodore could not spend a fortnight to pursue the murderers, nor were his men provided for such work. But no doubt Sir W. Wiseman will act with promptitude when proper arrangements have been made.

But while things are not encouraging at Tanna or Erromanga at present, God, in his providence, is opening doors of usefulness at Fate or Sandwich Island. We were much pleased with our visit to Erakor, and admired the neat residence of Mr. Morrison. Mrs. Morrison has displayed much taste in selecting and arranging flowers, while due attention has been given to vegetables, and we observed cabbages, taro, and melons thriving remarkably well. The situation is quiet, and there is a fresh breeze to render it more agreeable during the hot months. The dwelling-house is of native workmanship and very creditable. Mr. Morrison's first concern was to learn the language, which he speaks very well. He may remove by-and-bye to Fil harbor and thus exert a greater influence. There are some fine harbors at Fate. Havannah harbor is excellent. I am, dear sir, yours faithfully,

W. McCULLAGH.

Rev. J. Bayne, Sec. F. M. B.

The Sabbath School.

Sabbath School Lessons for March FIRST SABBATH.

SUBJECT: *Birth of Jesus foretold.* Luke i. 26-38.

V. 26.—The angel Gabriel had appeared to Zacharias, the husband of Elizabeth, and made known the birth of John, the forerunner of Christ. The same angel now appears to Mary to foretell the speedy advent of Emmanuel, God with us. This Gabriel, this "man of God," this "mighty power of God," does not come self-sent, self-commissioned; he is "sent from God" and by God. The appointed time has arrived for the fulfilment of Old Testament prediction; God's gracious purposes of mercy to man are about to be accomplished, and Gabriel is sent from God to make the