

house, in which, though the intimation had not been given until the close of the forenoon service, a considerable number assembled.

I was expected at Jerusalem in the evening, but through some misunderstanding I was not informed of this until it was too late to be forward, and, indeed, I did not know it till the Sabbath was past.

On the next Lord's Day I preached twice in the well finished church at Jerusalem. On Monday evening I held service in a school-house in that neighbourhood, and would have preached in Orange Hall on Tuesday evening, but a storm prevented the meeting.

In both sections of the congregation I experienced a great deal of kindness, was very favourably impressed with the people, and found them all anxious for a more frequent dispensation of the gospel than they at present enjoy. J. K. B.

N. B.—The congregation of Jerusalem and Nerepis have since applied to the Presbytery of York for a moderation of a call to a pastor, which has been granted, and we trust they may secure what Mr. B. truly remarks they all desire, a more frequent dispensation of divine ordinances.

Our Foreign Missions.

NEW HEBRIDES MISSION.

In our present number we lay before our readers Mr. McNair's letter of Nov. 26th, alluded to in the last *Record*. We also publish a letter from Mrs. Geddie to an intimate friend of her own, which will be read with the deep interest which her communications from the mission field have always awakened.

By publishing Mrs. McNair's "first impressions of the mission field," from the *Reformed Presbyterian Magazine*, we introduce the wife of our present Erromangan missionary to our readers in a way which they will appreciate.

A later mail has brought letters from all our missionaries except Mr. McNair, and also from Dr. Steel.

We have not room in our present number for the insertion of any of these letters, but will state a few facts of general interest.

Respecting the health of friends heard from, Dr. Geddie and family are well.

Mr. Morrison has continued to improve since his arrival in Sydney, but not so satisfactorily as when on the voyage. Mrs. Morrison and child were well. Mrs. McNair had not, so far, derived much benefit from voyage and change.

Mr. and Mrs. Morrison had left Sydney for Melbourne in the *Dayspring*. The vessel had received but slight injury by striking on the rock in Sydney Harbour; and therefore proceeded without delay to Melbourne to be re-coppered.

Mr. Gordon remained at Sydney. We are pleased to find that Dr. Steel's statement, as given in our last number, that Mr. Gordon "had resigned connection with the mission, but had not abandoned mission work," was a little in advance of the facts of the case; and we present the explanation in the Dr's. own words, under date of January 28th:—

"The Rev. J. D. Gordon has not absolutely and definitely resigned. I do not yet know whether he will become our missionary or not. He may not do so until he has completed this year in your service. He is in this colony at present. He is evidently a devoted man of God, but he has had peculiar trials, by being so long on an island like Erromanga, without any fellow labourer. It is too great a strain on any man to be in such solitude and danger. Two and two ought to be the constant practice in settling missionaries on savage islands."

Our readers will thus notice that the invitation of the Church of New South Wales has not yet been accepted by our missionary, and probably will not, until he has been re-invigorated by a season of rest, and has again heard from this country: He is still resolved to return to mission work among the heathen, and whether as our missionary or as the agent of the South Australian Church, he will, we trust, be followed by many prayers from the Christian people of the Lower Provinces.

We cannot close these remarks more appropriately than by laying before the Church the concluding sentences of Dr. Geddie's report for the year past:—

"Let me solicit for our mission a continued interest in your prayers. Send us more missionaries, and send them without delay. Are there none of our settled ministers who would be willing to come, and