

dealt with and some of them were faithfully dealt with on account of their sin. The Rev. Mr. McKenzie, writing from Swatow, gives cheering accounts of his work. He had enjoyed good opportunities of speaking the gospel in many villages, and had been well received. He had baptized one adult, a woman from a neighbouring village, this making the twentieth person received into the church during the year.

NEW HEBRIDES MISSIONS—ANEITEUM.

The March number of the *Record* of the Presbyterian church of the Lower Provinces, while not containing any letters from the missionaries of the church, has an interesting letter from Rev. Mr. Copeland, a missionary of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

"I am happy to say that Mr. and Mrs. Geddie, and their two children, Mrs. Johnston, and myself, are well. Mr. Geddie is visiting the schools just now, and I intend, if spared, to begin next week. A new book has been prepared for the occasion—the first instalment of what may be called Bible Stories, or Simple Bible History. Only one sheet has been printed as yet. Each sheet will be complete in itself, and the whole when completed will form a small volume. Exodus is nearly completed, and will be a very large book in the estimation of our natives, till the whole New Testament comes to hand, and then that will be the book. It is also contemplated to reprint and enlarge our collection of hymns before long. Upon the whole, matters are encouraging. Especially are we filled with gratitude for present attainments when we think of the state of Tanna and Erromanga. An orphan school is being erected at Mr. Geddie's station, of which Mrs. Johnston will be the superintendent. On this side of the island nine new school houses have been put up this year, and two more will be completed shortly. The natives are also preparing lime for the new church to be built after Mr. Inglis's arrival. The public health is tolerable at present. I find, however, that during the year ending last month the deaths exceeded the births by one-half. The mortality appears thus to have been excessive, but this arises in part from an unusually small return of births, the effects of the measles.

Three days ago I returned from a visit to Tanna, Nina, and Erromanga. We left this island on the evening of the 7th. There were 24 persons on board our small vessel, the most of them adults, with a good deal of baggage. The first night, very fortunately, was fine, with a light but fair wind. We got into Port Resolution the following day about 10 A.M., and got rid there of eight of our passengers. These were Tannese all belonging, with one exception, to Mr. Matheson's station. They came to Aneiteum soon after the Tanna Mission was broken up. Mr. Matheson had them under instruction up till the time of his leaving for Mare. For some time before he sailed some of them had been anxious to return to their own land, but when he left they all wished to go. Two of the men who came over died here, so that we had to land at Port Resolution two widows—a circumstance that would help to confirm the Tannese in their superstitious ideas about the deadly nature of the gospel. As soon as the passengers had left the vessel, we set sail. The few natives we saw did not look particularly pleased to see us. In short, I felt the errand to be an unpleasant one, and hurried away. We learned this much, that there was peace among the natives, and that the captain of a trading vessel had taken away Mr. Paton's boat."

Mr. Copeland was informed by some of the Erromangans whom he questioned on the subject, that the anger of the people was over, and that a missionary might now live on the north side of the river.

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STUDENTS' MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF KNOX COLLEGE.

Again in the good providence of God we have been permitted to assemble together as a Missionary Society, and begin under favourable circumstances the labours of another session. God has been gracious to us during the months of separation. He hath preserved and watched over us, and kept us in health.