

have given up heathenism. Mr. McKenzie has about 160 communicants.

Q. What is the present condition of Erromanga?

A. It is a Christian island. There are some 200 communicants and 30 schools.

Q. What is the condition of Santo?

A. It is only six years since Mr. Annand began work there. It has been sowing time, but the reaping has scarcely begun.

Q. How long have these three mission families been in the New Hebrides?

A. Twenty-two years.

Q. What other mission families did our church send out to the New Hebrides?

A. Rev. J. W. Matheson and wife and Rev. S. F. Johnson and wife, settled on Tanna in 1858. Within three years all but Mrs. Johnson were dead.

Rev. G. N. Gordon and his English wife settled on Erromanga 47th June, 1857, and were murdered 20th May, 1861.

His brother, Rev. J. D. Gordon, landed on the same island in 1864, and 7th March, 1872, he too was killed.

Rev. Donald Morrison and wife settled on Efate in 1864, and in 1867 he had to leave through illness, and died in 1867 in New Zealand.

Rev. J. D. Murray and wife succeeded Dr. Geddie in Aneityum for four years, and then went to labor in Australia.

Q. What is the total population of the New Hebrides?

A. Probably from 50,000 to 60,000.

Q. How many may be reached by the agencies now at work?

A. Probably 40,000.

Q. How are the islands reached?

A. For many years we have had the mission ship "Dayspring." Now there is a trading steamer calling there every month, and another small trading steamer all the time going around among the group, and these do the work of the mission.

If there are any more questions you would like to ask, please send them, and I will try to answer them.

### TOAD AND FROGS, A HINDU FABLE

An elephant named Blackmound was in the habit of bathing in a pond, much to the dislike and injury of the frogs, as they were frequently crushed under his heavy feet.

Near the pond, in the hollow of a great tree, lived a large toad who was remarkable for his wisdom. The frogs went to him for advice.

He directed one of the frogs to go to the top of the rock and address Blackmound, who was then coming, as follows:—"You must not come to the pond any more, for there is a spirit in yonder tree that has granted me the power to destroy you."



"I would like to hear the spirit say so," said Blackmound.

"Yes," cried the toad, "I have given him the power."

Blackmound, hearing the voice and seeing no one, was frightened and hastened away.

The toad and the frogs said—"It is one thing to be large, and another thing to be bold."

The Bible tells us that "The wicked flee when no man pursueth, but the righteous are as bold as a lion."