

and devotion you have sent her down year after year well equipped for her important work. The kind feelings towards myself expressed in your address touch me deeply, and I feel proud to number amongst my friends such disinterested ones as the Sabbath school teachers of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria. Now thanking you for your generous gift, a tangible proof of your regard for Mrs. Fraser and myself, I can only add my best wishes and prayers, will continue with you in your noble work of training the young for Jesus.

At the opening of the meeting the large number of Sabbath school children assembled sung that beautiful hymn commencing with the words,

"In the Christian's home in glory," &c.

and after Captain Fraser's reply to the address, the whole assembly sung,

"Shall we meet beyond the river," &c.

The Rev. J. W. McKenzie, missionary from Nova Scotia to the New Hebrides, was then called upon to address the meeting. He (Mr. McK.) spoke of the interest he felt in the meeting, said the work in which Captain Fraser had been engaged was a noble one, mentioned that he felt proud of such a fellow-countryman as Captain Fraser, and concluded a short but pointed speech by calling upon all to be encouraged by the past and help on the good work.

James Balfour, Esq., was the next speaker. He spoke at considerable length upon the slave traffic in the South seas, and said it was a conversation with Captain Fraser that first opened his eyes to the outrages of this unmanly trade. His speech was eloquent, pointed, and courageous, and was heard with the utmost interest and acceptance.

Lathella, High Chief of Anilcauhah (Dr. Geddie's station), being present, was asked to address the meeting. His speech, though quite unprepared was nevertheless quite orderly and well and calmly delivered. He spoke in his own (Ancityumese) language, and H. A. Robertson interpreted. Lathella commenced by addressing the assembly as his good friends, said his speech would only be a few words, said he was not fit to address such "great people" in this "light land." He was but a humble man from a "dark land," but he wished to tell them about the "nedo upene" (good conduct) of Captain Fraser during all the years he was chief of the praying ship. He said the natives were afraid to go alongside or fasten their canoes to most ships, but they soon found they need not fear Captain Fraser or any of his crew. Their conduct was peace. He said the natives of the lands he had come from were very ignorant, unreasonable, and oftentimes very stupid, yet Captain Fraser was never seen angry with

them. On board the *Dayspring* as sailors they frequently pulled the wrong rope, and instead of getting put out Captain Fraser would only laugh at them, and that during all the time he was sailing among their lands he had never said worse than "how are you my friend." He said when the natives were told he was going to leave the *Dayspring* great was their lamentation. He trusted when Captain Fraser saw his friends and rested in his own land he would return to their land again, but if not he hoped that they would meet in the good land (heaven). He concluded his neat little speech by bowing to the audience and saying my words are ended.

The Chairman then introduced the Rev. Daniel McDonald, the first Victorian missionary to the New Hebrides, educated in the Colony. Mr. McDonald expressed his delight at being present at such a meeting, said whilst they were honoring Captain Fraser they were honoring themselves as Sabbath Schools and Christians. He spoke of his great desire to go as a missionary to the poor heathen and believed he would be honored in doing much in his Master's cause. He closed his happy speech by publicly affirming that to their worthy Chairman, Dr. McMillan, he owed nearly all his knowledge and skill in medicine, and believed this knowledge would greatly increase his usefulness in the mission.

Votes of thanks were then tendered to the Committee and to Dr. McMillan, the Chairman, and thus closed one of the most interesting, hearty and deeply impressive meetings we have ever had the pleasure of attending.

New Hebrides Mission, Melbourne

On the evening of the 13th March, the Presbytery of Melbourne met in the Assembly Hall, for the purpose of ordaining Mr. D. McDonald as a missionary to the New Hebrides. The Rev. Dr. Macdonald, Convener of the Assembly's Foreign Mission Committee, preached the ordination sermon from Mat. xiii. 38, "The field is the world," put the questions in the formula, and offered the ordination prayer. The Rev. John Inglis, of Ancityum, delivered the charge to the missionary, and the Rev. Dr. Geddie gave an account of the New Hebrides Mission, and urged its claims on the audience.

The Hall was crowded with a deeply interested congregation, and from twenty to thirty ministers, including the missionaries on their way to the New Hebrides, took part in the ordination. Mr. McDonald is the first missionary to the heathen ordained and sent forth by the Presbyterian Church of Victoria; hence the ordination services excited a very deep interest.