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"SOPPE," A NEW HEBRIDES BOY.

I want to tell you a story of one of our own mission fields, to show you what your Mission Bands are doing, and what the heathen boys can do. I have just received a letter from Mr. McKenzie, your missionary in the island of Efate, New Hebrides, who is now resting in Sydney, Australia. He says:—

"I hope to take back with me a thousand copies of a translation of the "Peep of Day" made by some half dozen of our Erakor boys, who have been studying English for three or four years. It is now in the printers hands.

One of these boys—Soppe—is very bright and gives promise of being an excellent teacher. Several years ago I received a contribution from

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of Prince Street Church, Pictou, to be expended as I saw fit.

Soppe was a poor little orphan, and he was such a smart little fellow, it occurred to me that a good way to lay out that money would be to pay some one to feed him and take charge of him, so that he could come to our school. This I did for two years. Then as he was getting on so well I did not care to part with him especially as he was so anxious to remain, so I kept him on at my own expense and he has been attending school along with the young men I have been training for teach-

l. Could those young ladies who so kindly sent the contribution, see how nicely

translation I think they would feel satisfied that it was well expended. In my absence he is assisting in the school at Fila."

Thus you see how the good work goes on. Children here send money to provide for little Soppe that he may go to school. Soppe becomes a teacher of other little ones and the children of Efate, partly through his work, are reading the "Peep of Day", that little Bible story book that you love so well.

REV. GIAM CHENG HOA.

What a funny name! Who is he? Where does he live? He is one of your own missionaries and lives in Formosa, that large island off the coast of China, where such a wonderful work has been done by your missionaries. His full name is as given above, but he is usually called *A-Hoa*. The Chinese put the surname first instead of last, hence his surname or family name is *Giam*.

Most of the facts of his history have been gathered from a letter by Dr. Mackay, in the *Presbyterian Record*.

A-Hoa was born in Tamsui, Formosa, in Nov. 1851, and he is now 26 years of age. His father died just before his birth, and poor little *A-Hoa* and his young widowed mother, only twenty years of age, and very poor, suffered much from poverty and want, and because he had not enough good healthy food to eat the child was not strong and well as many of you are.

The poor mother went to ask an idol what she should do, and the answer was, "Let him be called *Hut-a*," that is, the idol's child. You must not think that the idol could speak and tell her this, but the heathen priests who lived there would tell her this and pretend that the idol said it. The poor mother believed it all and called her boy *Hut-a*, thinking, no doubt, that he would be well cared for when he was called the idol's child. At a time through carelessness in speaking the name they got to calling him *Hok-* and then because it was easier to say it it changed to *Hoa*, or *A-Hoa*