

STUDENTS' MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—The second regular meeting was held on the evening of Nov. 13th inst. Encouraging reports were heard from committees appointed to wait upon the city churches. Through this continuance of support we expect that there will be no falling off in the work of the Society for the coming Summer. The News Committee having been but recently appointed, the members were not heard from, but instead, a paper on work in the New Hebrides was read by Mr. Johnston. This paper was one presented before the Women's Missionary Society of Montreal, and was kindly offered us by the President. It dealt fully and in an interesting manner with the history of these islands, the manners, customs, and religious condition of the people, entering into a detailed account of the efforts put

forward to bring the inhabitants to the knowledge of Christ. The number of facts collected showed patient research. All were presented in an orderly style; and, using them as a basis, an urgent appeal was made for increased interest in work among the heathen. The thanks of the Society were tendered to the writer for the use of the paper.

As previously mentioned the Society is in direct communication with the foreign field, having supported during the last year, through the private means of the individual members, two native helpers in the South Seas. With reference to one of these, the secretary read a letter from Rev. J. W. McKenzie of Efate, which we give to our readers in another column. On the matter being brought forward, it was unanimously agreed to continue the amount sent last year.

THE STUDENT'S THOUGHTFUL HOUR.

As ministers of the Gospel, as Christians, we shall have frequent occasion to take a stand against evil; to tell men plainly that they are doing wrong. We shall find no difficulty in doing this. We need no extraordinary ability to discern, in ordinary cases, a departure from the practice of the written law. From the mere fact of espousing a cause by consent of the mind, we shall readily undertake this work, and, no doubt with all the force we can bring to bear, declare God's denunciations against sin. 'Tis another thing to be *grieved* over the transgressions of

Irsael; as a member of the body of Christ, to *feel* the wound of sin; beholding the judgment of God while declaring it, to *beseek* the Almighty to stay his hand from the destruction of the wicked. Columns of the Christian press are devoted to careful reasoning upon sinful practices which have crept into the church; clever writers shoot darts of irony at sins which have long been caricatured; the platform utterances of moral reformers abound in dark descriptions of rampant evil; from the pulpit Sabbath after Sabbath comes: "woe is unto you if you continue not