

his death. The widowed mother of the Gordons was living in Prince Edward Island when the news came that a second son had sealed his testimony with his blood on Erromanga.

OTHER LABOURERS.

Other noble Canadians from the Maritime provinces—Johnston, Mathieson, Morrison—have died in harness on the field. Others have found the climate unsuited to their constitutions and have left. But the standard of the Cross is held up by others, and almost every island has now one or two labourers—assisted by native agents—on it, except Santo, the largest and most northerly of the group. Since 1876 the Rev. Joseph Annand and his wife have taken Dr. Geddie's place on Aneityum, and now they propose to abandon their pleasant home there, and go to begin work among the savages of Santo. Surely the Church will not let them go alone. We have only to read what Dr. Geddie suffered through not having an efficient colleague by his side to understand what that would mean. The Rev. H. A. Robertson and his wife are working with marvellous success near where the Gordons rest. A martyr's memorial church has been erected, a network of schools and houses for native agents has been established all over the island, and Erromanga bids fair to become soon as completely a Christian community as Aneityum. During the last two or three years the Church has had the opportunity of meeting with Robertson, McKenzie and Annand, and it is enough to say that they have gained our affection and entire confidence. Thousands in the West will now be thankful that on account of unification their contributions will go to help their work. We must not, however, misunderstand what Christian communities, formed out of the degraded Oceanic negro or Papuan race, mean. They are certainly not our equals in knowledge, moral tone, character or power. It would be folly to expect anything of the kind. Dr. Geddie never painted fancy pictures. While doing full justice to the simple faith of the converts, and calling attention to the readiness with which they sacrificed property and life for the sake of their Lord, he always said that only those would think that anything had been done who had seen Aneityum as it was. "The native converts," he again and again said, "are as yet the merest children. Were the influence of the missionary withdrawn, they would readily fall before temptation. The intellectual and moral elevation of a nation is not the work of a few years, but of generations."

It may also be admitted that the New Hebrides group is properly a field for the Australian churches, and that we should give our attention rather to the North-west Indians and to the millions of China and India, that is, to peoples who promise to be permanent factors in the history of the world rather than to