

up Mr. Murray's house, I was anxious that Mrs. Robertson should be free from the care of a house for a few months before we return to hard work again, and much constant care of so many people and schools, as well as our own house on Erromanga.

As a family we have been very well, except Mrs. Robertson, who for four months was seriously ill at Parramatta. Indeed, for two months I was alarmed about her, for with the fever she had a most trying cough. By God's blessing, careful nursing and medical treatment she is now quite better, though she will never be strong again in a warm climate. I enjoy excellent health, and as for our children they are in perfect health.

I hear regularly from my Elders and teachers on Erromanga. The work is progressing well; but alas, the death rate still continues high. Since I left, many have died, including teachers and *Natai* the chief of *Portnaravin*, our East Station. *Natai* was the finest man on East Erromanga since the noble line of brother Chiefs at Cook's Bay, the *Natais*, *Novolous* and *Lifus*—all gone since our settlement. How we miss them. God seemed to raise them up to stand before us in the first and dark days of suffering and toil, and this *Natai* came to the front at their death, and has been with us sowing and reaping. But their work is done; and of their happiness now I have not the shadow of a doubt.

Others will doubtless be brought to the front now to take their places, but those who were born and who lived for thirty or forty years in heathenism, seem to make brighter Christians. They felt the curse of heathenism and they rejoiced in the freedom from it, and in the liberty and blessedness of the Gospel. Those born in Christianity knew nothing of the woes of heathen darkness and cruelty, and are not half grateful enough for their privileges. The workers, however, are removed, but the work goes on.

Now that a mail service has been arranged to and from all the islands, you will please address all letters, magazines, newspapers etc., not to the care of Rev. Dr. Steel, or to the care of any person, but directly to the missionary for whom they are intended, via., Sydney, New South Wales.

Dr. Steel received a short time since, from my dear friend, Mr. Hugh Barnett (Messrs. Barnett & Son), of Glasgow, £145 sterling, proceeds of sale of Erromanga arrow-root! Think of that!

And now with kindest regards,

Ever faithfully, yours,

H. A. ROBERTSON.

Brethren pray for us.

Trinidad.

LETTER FROM REV. K. J. GRANT.

SAN FERNANDO, Feb. 28, 1890.

The Editor of the Maritime Presbyterian.

Rev. & Dear Sir:—Through the christian liberality of J. T. Morton, Esq., of Lendenhall Street, London, the teacher of our mission school, and Babu Lal Behari in this district are put in possession of a most valuable book by Rev. C. H. Spurgeon, called the "Interpreter." Mr. Morton states that his object in aiding in the circulation of the book, is to stimulate to the regular reading of a portion of God's Word daily.

Mr. Spurgeon in his preface says "Heads of families often remark to me that they find a difficulty in selecting passages from the Bible for family reading. They desire to interest the young people, and find that they cannot do so by reading the Bible at random or even by taking it all in course. The "Interpreter" contains the gist of the entire Bible. It can be read through in one year when morning and evening worship are maintained. The portions should be read conscientiously or much instruction will be lost. The hope of the writer is that these selected extracts may lead to the perusal of the whole sacred volume in an intelligent manner."

I like this book because I find it helpful in giving freshness and spirit to family worship. I think it might be introduced with profit into families generally. It might be read, say every evening, and thus the ground mapped out could be gone over in two years. Some other course might be adopted for the morning readings.

The brief hints given from time to time are very suggestive, and the practical lessons deduced, often in a very few words, can't fail to be profitable. It is eminently fitted to lead us into a clearer knowledge, and greater love of the book of God; and it is when the word of Christ dwells richly in the individual soul and in the church collectively that their is vigor, prosperity, and fruit bearing.

Yours faithfully,

K. J. GRANT.

A WEEK'S WORK.

BY REV. JOHN MORTON, D. D.

April 6th. -I had as usual three services and my Bible class. At all three services there was a good attendance—the church at Tunapuna being nearly full at the service there. At this service eight persons were baptised into the faith of Christ.