

reached Victoria safely per Dayspring, and settled in Geelong. The arrangements for publication having been completed, the printing went on well for a time, but before the Dayspring sailed, the Doctor had determined, owing to the death of Mr. McNair, and the non-arrival of any new Missionary, to return to his station and to leave the work of printing to extend over two years, an arrangement which will secure to Aneiteum the benefit of the Doctor's presence during the current season.

NEW TESTAMENT PAID FOR BY ANEITEUM- MESE.

While the printing of the Old Testament is going on at the expense in the meantime of the Melbourne Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, it is gratifying to be able to record that the printing of 2000 copies of the New Testament in Britain and also 2000 copies of the Book of Psalms in Halifax at the expense of that Society, has been *all paid for* by the free will offerings of the Christian natives of Aneiteum, £490 8s. 9d., leaving a balance on hand of £50 stg. towards payment of the printing of the Old Testament.

In this connection it may be stated that the Melbourne Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society will meet the expense of printing, but the additional outlay of our Missionary amounting to £100 stg. per annum at the least, by his living in an Australian city, must be provided from our own funds. The Parent Bible Society have consented to make a grant in acknowledgment of the work when it is completed; but all additional demands for the present must be met and will be cheerfully provided by our own people.

NEW SETTLEMENTS.

While our representatives in the field have decreased, we should feel gratitude to the God of all Grace that two labourers have been settled during the year, Mr. Milne from the Presbyterian Church of Otago and Southland, and Mr. Goodwill from our own country. Mr. Milne was desirous of labouring in Erromanga should a suitable opening be found. On going to look for one, after the meeting of Council, none was found, and he was settled upon Nguna, a small island to the north of Elate. Mr. Milne, in accordance with his own earnest desire, was placed on Esperitu Santo. After the lapse of four months Dr. Geddie found Mr. and Mr. Milne in a house which was comfortable for a new station, the natives friendly, and prospects, with the aid of three Rawlingan teachers, then left, highly favourable. The language, however, has yet to be acquired, and in truth the foundations of the Mission laid.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodwill had found the natives of Santo inoffensive, friendly and

numerous, the land fertile, and the people possessed of abundance of food. Mission work had only commenced, but the day of small things is not to be despised. The reputed unhealthiness of the island, and the urgent need of some one to occupy Aneiteum for the next four or five months, were among the reasons which led to the removal of Mr. Goodwill from that island to Aneiteum during the rainy season.

ERROMANGA AND EFATE.

We make special mention of these islands because we have a special interest in both, and because both have lost a Missionary. In the first we have martyrs' graves, and now another honoured life has closed suddenly in the midst of usefulness. And what is the present condition of the Mission there? Dr. Geddie, who has visited Dillon's Bay since the decease of Mr. McNair, reports, as we might expect, the Mission House unoccupied, the garden overrun with weeds, and other symptoms of decay. Christian natives, however, had charge of the premises; girls who had been Mrs. McNair's scholars were sewing on the verandah, and all were sad. We should like fuller information, but the Doctor has not furnished us with any full statement.

He adds that Mr. Gordon had recently returned to another part of the island, that he had not seen him, but had heard of his welfare and good tidings of his work. He adds, We sympathize deeply with our brother in his isolated position, and pray that he may have much of His presence whose promise is "Lo I am with you always."

EFATE.

Efate claims our sympathy from its desolation by the loss of one missionary and the removal of another for a season. Mr. Cosh's chief station, Pango, is supplied in part by Natoga, an Aneiteum teacher. The attendance on public worship continues to be good, and the appearance of the natives respectable on the Sabbath day. The people lament the absence of the missionary, and plead for his return. During our visit to Pango Dr. Geddie says one adult and four children were baptized by the request of the native elders, Pomal and Lores acting as interpreters.

ERAKOR.

The station formerly occupied by Mr. Morrison is now under the care of Pomal—a good man and a chief, and of a good stock, for his father was the first man to receive and protect the Sarnon and Rarotongans teachers twenty-five years ago. The Christians of Erakor keep up their school, attend worship on the Lord's day, and continue steadfast in the faith. The good seed sown by the late missionary has taken root, and is now yielding fruit to the Divine glo-