

Some persons may question the propriety of my thus visiting among the people: but I am convinced that much good is done in this way. Many of the distant people we would never see, did we not thus first make acquaintance with them at their own homes.

#### VISIT TO MR INGLIS' STATION.

We returned last week from Ananunse, where we had been spending a few days with our dear associates, Mr and Mrs Inglis. We always enjoy our visits there, and are, I trust, mutually encouraged and profited when we meet.

#### SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS.

Since the John Williams left, I have been making arrangements with regard to my day-school. classes, etc., which I think will suit both myself and the natives better than my former ones. On Tuesday and Thursday, the women come immediately after the morning school, and write. After writing they sew until half-past 3 o'clock. On Monday and Wednesday my own girls sew; on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons I have a class for the females who teach in the morning school; on Friday I have a class for the wives of the teachers who live at a distance. I also teach them to sew on Friday and Saturday if they wish. On Sabbath, after the morning service, I have a large Bible Class. And now, my dear friend, I hope you will not think I am doing a great deal more than I really am. It is true that my time is fully occupied, but the question is, might I not do more than I do. I often think that I might, were I more methodical in my arrangements, etc.

#### PARENTAL YEARNINGS.

Our beloved Lucy left us in the John Williams. We deeply feel the dear child's absence. You need not, my dear friend, give me credit for giving up my children. Necessity compels me to do it. I see I cannot keep them here, yet I feel I am not resigned; my children are never absent from my thoughts.—Time does not lessen the trial. I feel more deeply about my dear Charlotte being so far from me now than I did when she left home, especially as we learn by our last letters from Mrs Rawlings, that she is not at all strong. Yet I feel deeply attached to the people here; and feel deeply interested in their improvement. Still my thoughts are constantly with my absent ones, and I fear I secretly murmur at being obliged to be

thus separated from them. Elizabeth and John Williams are smart, interesting children, yet the thought that they too must go, prevents me from enjoying the happiness I otherwise would from their presence. Yet do not suppose I feel unhappy among this people. I feel as happy as any person possibly can do, under the same circumstances, and feel anxious to do all I can for their improvement.—I feel deeply attached to many of them.

#### FORMER PUPILS.

Mary Ann, one of my girls, is now with us. She was married, about eighteen months ago, to a very promising young man from Mr Inglis' station.—They have been teaching at an out-station, and have done a great deal of good. We all hoped that they would be a useful couple. But God, whose ways are not like our ways, has seen fit to lay aside Mary Ann, and we much fear that she is in a decline. Yet she is quite resigned, and willing to depart if it is his will. Her young husband is fondly watching over her. Poor fellow! he feels deeply. I feel very much myself, for she has been a child to me, and I hoped to see her the instrument of much good among her own sex. She has already been the means of good, and if our heavenly Father sees fit to take her to himself, why should we complain? I trust she is one of his own children.

Already eight of my girls have been married and are doing good. Two were married last Monday morning. In the afternoon, all the friends sat down to a substantial feast of pork, taro, and kid. The feast was set out on mats spread on the green grass in our yard, under the shade of a beautiful lemon tree. We feel gratified to know that between all who have been married out of our own family, there has been a mutual attachment, so unlike their former marriages, when the husband merely selected a wife, as a farmer at home would a horse, to do his work. Formerly, the female had nothing to say, if her parents were pleased. I have taken in new girls to fill the places of those who are married. I have only eight at present. I endeavour to get girls from the more distant places, as they are behind those who are near; but I am sorry to say that there are very few young women to be got. The males in almost every village nearly double the females. A very great number of female children have no doubt been put to death