

We have to supply these five Aneiteumese teachers, but only one knows the language to use it with effect. Till very lately, we thought only of holding our own, as we could not understand the natives nor speak intelligibly to them. Now, however, we act on the aggressive by going to their public meetings, and by taking the Gospel to those who don't come to it. If nothing outward befall the cause we hope when the season for the worship of the gods of the islands comes round in February and March, that at the least they will go through their ceremonies with less heart, feeling that their glory has departed and that their temple may not again be repaired."

ANIWA.

Mr. and Mrs. Paton, in their communications to the Victoria church, both speak of progress among the Aniwans. Throughout that island the people shew a readiness to receive instruction, and, with the exception of eight or ten obstinate ones, attend the service held in their neighborhood. Even of these, three have lately come to church for the first time. Mrs. Paton mentions a pleasing trait of the natives of this island, whom she visits occasionally with her husband in his preaching excursions: "The people never appear to such advantage as in their own villages, for they have some idea of politeness and are particular about being civil and kind when we are visitors. Their love for children is a beautiful feature in the character of these savages. I have scarcely seen one who, though cross to us, had not a smile for the children and yet they are sometimes cruel to their own here." About 100 attend divine service at Mr. Paton's central station, 40 each at two other places, and 30 at a fourth. Several schools are open at which the people are being taught to read,—one, conducted by Mr. Paton himself, one by Mrs. Paton, one by an Aneiteum teacher, and another by a native chief.

FATE.

The island of Fate or Efat contains two main stations,—Pango, under charge of Mr. Cosh, and Erakor formerly under Mr. Morrison. How fares Mr. Morrison's station in his absence? For a time Mr. Neilson had charge, but lately it has been under Mr. Cosh, and his report is the latest and most reliable intelligence. He says: "At the village of Erakor things move on much as before. I visit it regularly once a fortnight, and I do what I can to keep them in good heart. A month ago they began to make a new church for themselves. It is to be of wattle and plaster. A shed of reeds will no longer suit them. They devote every Wednesday to the work, and

the progress they have already made with it is for them considerable. Before this time their beloved Morrison will be among them, and we can imagine with what feelings of gratitude to God, and hope for the permanence of the Lord's work, he will look on this effort on the part of his weakened and bereaved people.

In Pango, too, Mr. Cosh, while sowing the seed in faith and prayer, has been gladdened on opening an enquirer's class to find two men and eight women come forward asking to be taught the way of salvation more perfectly, and Mrs Cosh writes,— "Evidently there is a change for the better coming over the people of Pango. At night the village is hushed, and all is quiet around us."

ANEITEUM.

Having glanced successively at the situation, work and prospects of Rev. Messrs. Gordon and McNair on Erromanga, Mr. Gordon at the North, and Mr. McNair at Dillon Bay, of Mr. Neilson on Tauna, of Mr. Copeland on Futuna, Mr. Paton on Aniwa, and Mr. Cosh on Fate, let us now return to the centre of light and of evangelization in the New Hebrides, the island of Aneiteum, and as we visit it in imagination we do see great cause "to thank God and take courage."

Twenty years ago there was one missionary on the group. Now there are nine, Mr. Watt going out in the Dayspring, and doubtless ere this making the ninth. The Lord's supper is being dispensed at Aname. Let us go over there. Rev. J. Ingles is aided by Rev. Mr. Cosh. Fifteen new members are admitted, and 15 children are baptized. There is a candidate's class of 30. There have been admitted 500 members in that congregation. One hundred and eighty are dead, cut off to a large extent by the epidemics, measles, influenza, diphtheria and whooping cough, leaving 320 on the communion list. Here are 12 elders and 12 deacons. Nor are these men ciphers. The former are true, spiritual, office bearers, watching over the flock. The latter have been able to report £55 stg., raised during the year in this congregation, for the payment of the teachers of schools, while the teachers themselves made a contribution for the teachers on other islands amounting to £15 stg. This is additional to work done for the mission during the year the roofing and repairing of mission buildings and keeping all their own school houses in repair. Besides, they are preparing to put up a house for Mr. Watt, and a chief with 100 men, stands ready to cross to Tanna or wherever he may be settled, and to put up the building on the shortest notice.

Now if it be a fact that the spiritual