

Box Received in Good Condition.

SANTO, NEW HEBRIDES, January 9, 1890.

MRS. ANNAND. — Your letter dated October 25th, in reference to the box from Westminster, came to hand last night by a small trading vessel. The box arrived in good condition by the *Day-spring* about six weeks ago. I have written to Mrs. Scouler acknowledging the receipt of it.

I am thankful to say that we are both pretty well and working on hopefully among our people. There is a good deal of sickness among them just now. We have had three deaths this week—two young men at this village and a woman at the village on the mainland where Mr. Annand holds service. They had all been ill for quite a time. One of the young men died of consumption and was ill before we came to the island. We fear that all died in darkness. The young man who died of consumption did not wish to hear of a Saviour. Mr. Annand saw him two days before he died. He had been placed in an old house to die, with some bananas and a bamboo of water within reach. He told Mr. Annand that he was not going to die and seemed very bright and cheerful and allowed Mr. Annand to speak to him of a Saviour. Can it be possible that a ray of light dawned upon his poor dark mind? There was very little sorrow shown at his death. The people made fun of his being so thin and still living so long. The other young man was the finest looking youth on Tangua about five months ago. He was one of our boat's crew almost every time we went boating. We have no hope for him. He seldom attended church while he could, and did not come to school. It is so sad to see them passing away in the darkness. May God grant that His bright light may soon shine into their dark minds. I must close, thanking your Society for the *Monthly Letter Leaflets*. I value them highly. We wish you every blessing and our united kind regards.