

ANEITYUM :—Mr. ANNAND reported 565 inhabitants in his district, of whom 233 are on the communion roll. The communion was dispensed three times in the year. The number of baptisms was nine, and of marriages 18. Public worship every Sabbath in four churches; 18 Sabbath-schools, and 20 day-schools. There is a Normal school for the training of teachers with *forty* on the roll. The event of the year has been the receipt and diffusion among the people of the second volume of the Old Testament, in the language of the Aneityumese, to be speedily followed by the whole Book. This, the first Bible in any of the native languages of Polynesia, is a monument to the joint labours of the late Dr. Geddie and the Rev. John Inglis. The natives have defrayed the cost of publication by contributions of arrowroot. Mr. Annand states that 800 copies were distributed immediately in his district; and that he has prosecuted his work during the past year with much comfort and been greatly encouraged by the improved conduct of the people.

EFATE :—Mr. Mackenzie reports 81 members in good standing on the roll. The infant school, taught by Mrs. McKenzie has been especially encouraging, having over *forty* in attendance. Besides the usual classes for teachers and candidates, another has been held, attended by twenty young men. All professing Christians attend church and Sabbath school more or less regularly. Nine elders give occasional aid, when requested, at prayer meeting. It is a marvellous contrast to see the decently clothed well conducted people there, compared with the naked savages all around. Of the Church members, four visit in turn a distant heathen village. There are three Christian villages, population 280, and three heathen villages, population 200. The number of marriages since 1872 has been 38, and the infant baptisms 63.

ERROMANGA :—Mr. Robertson reports abundant opportunities for direct missionary work with his people generally, and at Dillon's Bay especially, the people were more anxious than ever before to improve themselves by attendance upon the various classes within their reach. There are, first, early morning prayer with instruction in Scripture truth, conducted generally by a native teacher, sometimes by the missionary. At nine a.m., Mrs. Robertson's class for children—six years of age, and upwards to eleven—the older scholars remain for writing, the girls, to sew. This is a very hopeful class. Then Mr. Robertson during part of the year conducted a class for young men in reading, writing, singing, and elements of arithmetic; and he had succeeded in settling a teacher at Unepang, from which he was

repulsed a year ago. Kawawi, a chief, and son of one of the murderers of John Williams had relinquished heathenism. The natives had given our missionary many convincing proofs of their respect for him. The only subject of regret in the report is the reference to the labour-traffic through which as many as a hundred people who were under Christian instruction had been allured away from that part of the island in six months.

II.—TRINIDAD MISSION.

Our missionaries in this field are (1) the Rev. JOHN MORTON, at Princetown, Savannah Grande, with assistants—Miss A. M. Blackadder, teacher, Joseph Annajee, native evangelist, and six native teachers and monitors. (2) Rev. K. J. GRANT, at San Fernando, with Lal Behari, assistant, John Corsbie, and fifteen other helpers and teachers. (3) The Rev. T. M. CHRISTIE, at Couva, with three teachers.

COUVA :—Mr. Christie's labours in his own field were only for about four months, as he returned to Canada on a furlough of eight months. Messrs. Morton and Grant supplied one-third of the remaining Sabbaths, and reliable catechists sent by them, the other third. The services in the church and in the hospital were thus regularly maintained and efficiently conducted. The number of scholars on the roll of the schools in this district was 118, and the average attendance, 71.

SAVANNAH GRANDE :—The whole work in Mr. Morton's district has been pushed forward with great vigour and success. At Princetown—so called in commemoration of the recent visit of the sons of the Prince of Wales, services have been regularly conducted with increasing interest, and from this as a centre, inroads have been made in different directions upon surrounding heathenism. There is a good high-school at Princetown, supported by the Halifax Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and of which Miss Blackadder is the faithful and successful teacher. At Peparo, land has been purchased upon which a church and school-house and a teacher's residence are to be built. At St. Julien, three and half miles above Princetown, a house has been rented, in the meantime, for school purposes and Sabbath services. A new school room has been built at Mount Stewart. The total number of scholars on the roll in Mr. Morton's district is 200, with an average attendance of 125.

SAN FERNANDO :—Mr. Grant reports that the mission schools have received a large amount of attention, and that the Word has been preached on nearly every day of the week as well as on Sabbath. "Education and the Gospel travel together in friendly intercourse." The stations supplied extend