

Australia, and more than eight months without any letters or papers from friends in Canada, we received our budget of letters and papers—among them your kind note letting us know that though far distant you had not forgotten us in your kind efforts to send us another box, which will prove much more useful and acceptable to us next April—should it arrive then—than if we had brought it with us, as the boxes with which kind friends in Canada supplied us are now getting low and will need replenishing soon. A few boxes do not go far on an island like this, where the people have few means of getting clothing but through the missionary.

Our visit to Canada seems now but a happy dream, except that the love for our home and native land seems stronger than ever. Our Eromangans gave us a warm welcome back. It was late on a Saturday night when we landed among them, and by Tuesday at noon some four hundred had gathered from different parts of our lovely isle to bid us welcome back. How different from our landing in their midst fourteen years before. But although much has been done for them, there yet remains much land to be possessed. They are but babes in knowledge; only South Sea Island Christians. Though at times our work is trying and depressing we do not feel discouraged, for we know that He who brought so many of these once degraded savages from darkness to light is still able to bless and prosper His own work in their midst. "The bruised reed He will not break, and the smoking flax He will not quench." In a very few days we expect to cross over to the southe-ast side of the island to spend several months at our station there; the distance is about eighteen miles over a rough mountainous track, for we can scarcely call it a road. For six miles we will be able to take the horse, but the rest of the journey will be by foot, the natives carrying our little girl, but we have frequently walked it before. I am thankful to say we are all enjoying good health at present. Our summer months are just beginning, and the change from the cool south-west trades to the hot damp north wind is not agreeable.