

They were both in great need of a rest and change after their trying experience last year. I am glad to say that they are both feeling much stronger.

Our work has been in some respects more encouraging since our return. In October Mr. Annand baptized our first Santo native, Potara, who has been with us nearly three years. He is a quiet, steady lad. Our brightest lad returned to heathenism during our absence on furlough.

Since Potara's baptism his little wife, Beuki came to live with us and three other lads who had been with us before. Two of them being married brought their wives with them. All three girls are nice and are getting on nicely, especially Beuki, who is between eleven and twelve years old, she is a bright loving little thing and so anxious to learn. We have long desired to have her with us. Mr. Annand hopes to baptize some more of the lads soon.

Since Potara was baptized the old people have kept away from us more than formerly. Mr. Annand settled two teachers at out stations since our return, both having come from Nguna, Mr. Neilson's station. One is settled on Araki, where a cannibal feast was held in August. We trust that these things are now in the past.

My time is fully occupied now, as I have school twice a day with the women. We spent a busy and happy Christmas. We had our Christmas dinner and amusements for the natives on the 26th. The missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Landels, with their children, came over on the morning of the 25th from Malo by boat to spend three days with us. The forenoon was spent in entertaining the natives, who seemed to enjoy themselves very much. We had representatives from five villages. There were nine of us sat down at our dinner table, and twenty-nine at the natives' table. The natives' bill of fare was, first course, Kid Soup; second, Roast Kid, Yam, and Yam and Cocomat Puddings. The