

Canada are holding up our hands by your prayers and sympathy.

We rejoiced to learn that you had enjoyed Mr. and Mrs. Watt's visit. They were delighted with their visit to Canada and at the kindness shown them wherever they went. We hope to see them in a week or so, as we purpose leaving at the end of this week for Aneityeum to attend the Annual Meeting. We shall likely be away from here four weeks. The teacher and his wife who have been with us nearly two years will look after the people during our absence.

MISSION STUDIES.

Introductory to Woman's Work for Woman in India.

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I am now going on to tell you of the efforts which have been made by Christian women in behalf of the ignorant and oppressed women of India, but you will better understand the need for their self-denying labours if I first tell you a little more than I have yet done about the sad condition of women and girls in India, who have for many ages been kept by the men in a state of most abject submission.

One of the most ancient holy books of the Hindus says: "That in childhood a female must be dependent on her father, in youth on her husband, her lord being dead on her sons. She must do nothing of her own free will, or according to her own pleasure, but is to be classed with the stupid, the blind and the deaf, and to be kept in subjection by means of a rope or cane." It is not wonderful that with such views of their position, and with such treatment the women of India are, as a rule, degraded, ignorant, and miserable to a degree we can scarcely conceive of. In form and feature they are very like ourselves, and many of them are handsome and graceful. Their complexions are dark, their eyes and hair black. Their usual dress is a tight, short-sleeved jacket