

there is no national life, the tribes are small; and the chiefs have little power; every tribe is at war with its neighbor, and they are all cannibals. Their speech is poly-glot. Some twenty languages are spoken on the group, every one is as different from another as Latin is from Greek, or as German from English. But we are steadily advancing. We have rendered life and property comparatively safe over one half of the group; and our Missionaries have mastered more or less fully, one half of the languages. We have given the natives the whole Bible in one language, viz: that of Anceitum, as well, as some other books for which they have paid £1400 stg., all of this sum being derived from the sale of arrowroot, which they prepared, and which was sold by the missionaries for this purpose. We have given them, an alphabet and the elements of a literature; and translated and the British and Foreign Bible Society has printed, several of the books of the Bible in seven of these languages.

The Mission commenced 35 years ago, with one ordained missionary and his wife. Now there is a staff of fifteen missionaries and their wives, and organized churches not less than five and probably one hundred schools with larger numbers, not only children, but men and women, under Christian instruction. Annually there is expended from \$25,000 to \$30,000 in carrying on mission work, and in all there has been spent half a million of dollars.

This general view may now be appropriately followed by a brief review of the work of the church in that united mission for the past year commencing with

ANCEITUM.

There are still two missionaries on this island, Mr. Laurie, supported by the Free Church of Scotland, and Mr. Annand, by the Canadian Church. The subjoined report, by Mr. Annand, and statistics, refer to that portion of the people who are under his charge.

His report is that the year past is one of progress both in attendance on religious services, and in the formation of christian character: of which, the evidences are less: open wickedness in the community, greater desire to know and to do what is right by the members, and visible tendencies among the young to full church membership.

The *Kava* question, which has hindered the work, Mr. Annand reports, as satisfactorily settled; which means "PROHIBITION" as respects use and cultivation

of the plant and he adds, in words which can be used by few pastors in reference to their parishes, "We are now a strictly total-abstinence community in reference to all intoxicants, and the morality of the people has been greatly benefited by the change."

STATISTICS.

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| Population of the whole Island | 1070 |
| Population in Mr. Annand's district | 523 |
| Members in full communion | 174 |
| Suspended from privileges | 1 |
| Excluded—(Explanations below) | 10 |
| Added | 2 |

SCHOOLS.

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| Morning Schools attended by large majorities of the people | 13 |
| Schools for children, 1 Central; 3 out stations | 4 |
| Attendance, Central, Mrs. Annand s. | 26 |
| Attendance at out stations | 44 |
| Mrs. Annand's Sewing Class | 70 |
| Training School for Teachers and advanced scholars | 13 |
| Candidates class, weekly, for intending communicants | 16 |
| Sabbath afternoon Bible Class | 24 |
| | 50 |

Explanatory Notes.—The 70 children include, with very few exceptions, all the children who are of suitable age to attend.

The facts relative to the exclusion of ten within the year from the fellowship of the church, are thus given, five had for some years been living in gross sin, and it was only when the life of the Church became somewhat healthy, that their conduct was made known: The other five have been regarded as doubtful characters for some years; have been intreated and warned; but instead of improving, they became worse and worse, in fact openly defiant; Hence the result.

EFATE.

The report of Rev. J. W. McKenzie was written only one week after his return from Canada after an absence of eighteen months. He was welcomed with demonstrations of joy. The natives having recognized the Dayspring in the distance hurried to the shore, and there to the number of between two and three hundred awaited the arrival of their missionary with his family. Some waded and some swam to meet them, while