

several of them have two each. All these men manage to get one each at least, as they buy them from the inlanders and the neighbouring islands. The price paid is from five to twenty pigs, according to the rank of the girl. The other day a timid little creature of some twelve years of age was brought to our house; she had been purchased from an inland village for six pigs. She had never before seen a white face and was much afraid of us. The women here, as in all the other heathen islands, are the drudges and slaves of the men; a great deal of the laborious work falls upon them.

Our people are said to be cannibals, but as to the truthfulness of this we have no direct evidence. At the present time peace prevails on the whole of the south side of Santo.

Mr. Annand unites with me in kindest greetings to you and the ladies of your society. Do not forget to pray for us, dear friends, that we may be the humble means of bringing these people to the Saviour.

India.—The Boys' and Girls' School at Neemuch.

NEEMUCH, December 30. 1887.

MRS. WILSON.—Had I had any idea that you were finding it difficult to get enough of Indian letters for your work, I should have written much sooner than I did last time, even though there was nothing new or specially interesting to tell you. I promised to write soon, and give you particulars of the school work in Neemuch—to tell you specially about the girls' school, which, of course, has most interest to me.

But first, let me say how delighted we in Neemuch were to hear of the large sum so generously set apart by your Society for Miss Rodger's boarding school, and how disappointed we have been that it has not been decided to at once make use of the money, and to give us a boarding school building worthy of our mission and of the Society so much interested in the welfare of the daughters of our little Christian community. We have at present three girls who should be in such an institution (one is in the U. P. Mission boarding school in Rajputana), and I hear that it has been decided to send four girls from Indore to the same school.

If girls are to be trained either to be useful workers in a mission, or to be good wives for our Christian young men, they must be trained in a boarding school, and be under the constant, careful supervision of a missionary lady. We have an example in our own station of the result of home-training (?) in the case of