

dances and great occasions, a pretty mat with a beautiful fringe is worn, instead of the everyday leaves, also feathers and paint—red, blue and black. In their daily labours, both men and women work together, unless at certain kinds of work. The women gather nearly all the firewood, but the men make all the canoes, although the women sometimes help to drag them out of the forest. The women have the heaviest share of the common drudgery to do. At the present time our work is moving along hopefully and with encouraging progress. Our Sabbath services, both morning and evening, are well attended. We have the majority of the people of the village present at every service. However, the total number in the village is only 105. Our average attendance is about sixty. Sabbath is now a kind of holiday with the people; very few of them go to their regular work. There is some latent opposition to us in some quarters, but as yet we have encountered none openly. How soon it may break out, I do not know; but surely Satan will not give up his claims here without a struggle. At mid-day, Mr. Annand goes to a village on the mainland and holds a service on a public dancing ground under a great banyan tree. After he had been there two or three Sabbaths, the male population came over in a body, wishing pay for having listened to him. So on getting nothing, the following Sabbath some of them would not attend. However, some of them still wish him to hold service. Just now we have four Santo lads living with us, two from this village and two others from the other side of the island. We have a family of nine adults and a child to provide for, besides ourselves. Thus you see that we have some labour in providing material things. Native food is now scarce here. Yesterday, Mr. Annand, was away by boat four or five miles, for yams and taro, but only got about a week's supply. He expects to make two more voyages this week of six teen or twenty miles, for food for people and fowls.

Our school is very poorly attended as yet, but we are thankful that they attend on Sabbaths. I must now close. Pray for us, dear friends.