

able to fight manfully against strong opposition from those who were their friends.

There is a good deal of ill-feeling raised among the heathen party on account of the stand these boys have taken. Some who used to attend the services have given up coming to the church or near us. Two of the old men came to the boys some time ago and gave them a very strong talking to. One finished up his scolding by saying to them : "If you persist in worshipping and listen to the Missionary's lies you will become *white* like him, also if you go on eating food cooked on one fire you will soon all die. As for us we intend to live and die as our fathers did." We have had to forbid this same man coming on to our premises if he cannot come peacefully, he led the poor boys such a weary life.

Last week a young man from the other side of Santo, but who has been living on Tangoa for the last two years, came asking us to take him to live with us. He had been very ill and during his illness the people would not do anything for him or give him food, water, or make a fire for him, so as soon as he was able he came to us. How true are those words found in the 74th Psalm and 20th verse.

I know that you will rejoice when I say that at last we have two Santo women living with us. They, like the boys, came to us of their own accord. One of them has been with us three weeks ; she is a middle-aged woman whose husband died shortly after he came here. We believe that he was poisoned by the man who took her after her husband's death to be his wife and slave. He has four other women. Poor Veuki got tired of her slavish life, so has come to us wishing to be taught. We trust that she may be allowed to remain, but the man who claims her after saying to us that it was with herself to stay or leave has, with the help of his friends, done all that they could, except using force, to get her away, but she will not leave us.

This week a young woman whose husband went away in a trading vessel some five months ago has come to us ; so now we have nine Santo people living on our premises. Many of the people who attend the services are feeling unhappy ; the Spirit is working among them, but they are resisting Him.

We expect a good deal more opposition before these people are brought to the Saviour, for Satan does not give up his people without a hard fight ; but the Lord is on our side, and you in