

## NOTES FROM MISSION FIELDS.

*(For the Children's Record.)*

## ANEITYUM.

The Rev. J. Laurie, the Free Church missionary on Aneityum, has been dispensing the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during Mr. Anmand's absence. He says there was a great deal of earnestness among the people, and in some cases church members who had not been living on good terms were made friends.

On the Monday after the Sacrament two of the elders brought him three short bamboo sticks filled with sacred earth. This, together with a small stone the shape of a triangle, with a hole in the centre, had been kept as the apparatus of one of the old sorcerers. By mixing particles of this earth with food, women were bewitched, couples divided and much trouble is said to have been caused by those who knew the secret. The following is the receipt for making this sacred earth. "One or more lizards, a piece of wood, some dried banana leaves, some green banana leaves, the whole to be burned in the fire, the charcoal or ashes to be rubbed fine between the hands, and filled into bamboo bottles, corked up with a tuft of human hair, and kept ready for use." When heathenism of such a character is yet to be found hidden in Christian Aneityum, in what an awful condition, children, must those be in the heathen island of Santo, where our missionary Mr. Anmand expects to be settled on his return.

## THE NORTH WEST.

The following is an extract of a letter from Miss Christie B. McKay, who is teaching a school among the Indians in the North West, on the Mistawasis Reserve:

"I have 39 pupils and they are almost all girls, five boys. They are getting along nicely now; they had forgotten almost all during the rebellion.

We have one very poor family on the reserve. They are from Carlton. They came here last week, one blind man, two

deformed women, another old man that can hardly walk. Their brother tries to work for them. We do our best to give them food when he comes. There is another blind woman, a widow with three children. They come to school. The boy is very smart, also the girls learn very fast. There are a great many widows on this reserve.

We have not got a church yet and that is something we are in need of. Last Sunday the school-house was crowded to suffocation, some had to stand out doors, others sat on the floor. Pa has tried to get a church built. They held a meeting last winter. Most of the people are going to help."

## INDORE, INDIA.

Miss Rodgers writes: There are not many changes in my school, a few new girls have entered and a few have left on account of their families going to other stations. The two brightest and most advanced Parsi girls will leave shortly as their father goes to Bombay. While in Indore he was in the employment of His Highness Maharajah Holkar. One of the girls that attended my school four years is now living in the city, but she says she will come to the camp for a time at least so that she may be nearer. She cannot attend school now as she is married but she wishes to be taught still. The teaching of the children to do something useful is appreciated by the parents. It is of much more consequence in their eyes that they should learn to knit and sew than to read. One of the women I visit is learning very rapidly to do several kinds of work. Her husband is a doctor in government service. He has served 27 years now and has three years more before he takes his pension. He is much pleased with his wife's progress and although he speaks English well, he sometimes uses a wrong word. He has said several times, "She is not at all dull, she is too cunning," meaning she was very clever. When she sees me coming she calls to him to bring the box which is used for a chair, if he is in the house.