

learn anything, saying they have no time to learn, which is partly true, as they are compelled to do much of the drudgery of the work. Their first work in the morning is to prepare and cook their lord's breakfast, this occupies some time. The wife has two fires and ovens to make. She dare not cook her food on the same fire as that on which she cooks his. This necessitates her getting a great deal of fire wood, the whole or greater part of which she has to cut and carry home on her back. Were you to see them, you would, I think, be surprised how they can carry such loads. After she gets her husband's breakfast she must go and work in their plantation on the mainland—put her canoe into the water and paddle over. If her husband goes she has usually to paddle him over; he sits doing nothing; or, it may be, if there is a baby he will hold it. They seldom return home much before sunset; then they must cook again.

We really have no little girls, as the poor things are sold to be wives when quite young. They go without any covering until they are nine or ten years old, when they put on three or four strings of small native beads about the waist and twine a few leaves around the body, this with a few beads about the neck and also some on the wrist or arm comprises our women's dress. It does not cost them much for dress and they are nice and cool; but, on the other hand, on rainy days they look very cold and wretched, even in this warm climate. We have given nearly all of them clothes at this village, and they all put something on when they come to church, and usually dress now when coming to our premises to barter, as we decline to buy from them when they come without clothes. I was amused this evening with one woman who came to sell yarn and oranges. She had not dressed, so I said, where are your clothes? She said, at my home. I said I would not buy from her, so she went off to our goat herder, who is a Santo lad, and asked him to lend her one of his shirts. He demurred. She said, misses will not buy from me unless I put some clothing on, and as he seemed unwilling to lend her a shirt, she went into his house and came out with one on; after that she came to me and sold her stuff, then went back to his house, took off the shirt and went home.

In regard to the manner of training given the women and girls in this Mission, I will give you a brief outline. They are encouraged to come to both church services and week morning classes,