

**New Hebrides.****LETTER FROM MR. ANNAND.**

TANGOA, SANTO 26th August 1890.

My Dear Mr. Morrison:—Your note of 8th May with inclosed list of special contributions for teachers' salaries was received on the evening of the first inst. Having passed through the new Caledonia post office it had lost a month in making that call. The five-cent postage sends them there as New South Wales will not have anything to do with the Postal Union, excepting to forward the sealed mail bags to their destination. Letters come all right for the five cents, but generally are four weeks longer in reaching us on account of coming through the Noumea office. I have written to three of the Sabbath schools and M. Binds that contributed to our teachers, a few others I have not written as the last sums sent appear to have come as a reply to letters thanking for past favors.

I was not needed in the settlement of the new missionary on Santo. Two passengers on the steamer volunteered to remain a month and help Mr. A. McDonald to erect his house. This offer being accepted there was no need for us going; hence we have been occupied with our own affairs.

Just now our people are particularly busy with their heathenism. Yami planting is beginning, and that requires a certain amount of ceremony to insure a good crop.

Then a marriage feast came off last week with three days revelry, all of which gives them a distaste for school and Sabbath services.

The enemy appears to be active now possibly it is because he sees that his kingdom is in danger. We anticipate still more opposition to the gospel than we have yet seen, but the end is not doubtful. It may require much patient work but the victory must be complete in the end. Santo shall be given to the Son for his inheritance.

Yours sincerely

J. ANNAND.

**Trinidad.****LETTER FROM MR. MORTON.**

TUNAPUNA, Trinidad, B. W. I.,

Oct. 24, 1890.

*For the Maritime:—*

I spent five days with Mr Coffin in Couva, from Oct. 18 to '22. Mr. Macrae was with us three days. Mr. Coffin has now a class of six who are employed, at least part of their time, as Catechists. These I taught on Saturday forenoon. At noon one of the teachers was married. On Sabbath the people gath-

ered from every part of the District for communion. The session met at 8.30 and sat for two hours dealing with applicants for baptism. Persons who were coming to the Lord's table for the first time, and two who had been under discipline. Much earnest work was done in dealing personally with souls and some hindrances were, we trust, happily removed. At 11 a. m. public worship began when seven adults and eight children were baptized and forty persons united in the communion. The Church was well filled, the attention good, and the service solemn. Monday and Tuesday were devoted to the inspection of the work on the estates and neighboring villages and Wednesday to the work in outlying settlements.

It had rained more or less for fifteen days and had been raining the greater part of the night but the day dawned clear and we left at 8 a. m. well mounted on mules. Part of the ground was quite new to me, part I had been over two years ago, and part I had ridden through 15 years ago with Mr. Christie when there were no public roads and the people were just beginning to make homes for themselves in the forest. We found open cart roads everywhere and though they were suffering from the continued rains, and the hot sun had apparently fallen out of them in a few places, yet there was not much to complain of. At a distance the district seems forest still; on approach it is found to be cacao, a most valuable tree cultivation. In places the trees were covered with the red and yellow pods, almost ripe for gathering—a sight to cheer the heart of even the passer-by.

Calcutta settlement is chiefly owned by Indians. At one place we drew up our mules under some orange trees and refreshed ourselves with Portugal oranges while the master of the house was called. He and his wife sat with us at the sacred table on Sabbath. Several of his boys were present. Now they came in full force five sons and two daughters—the eldest son able to read the fifth book—all now helping their father with the ripe rice and cacao.

In Calcutta settlements here are fifty Christians. Near the centre is a large savanna or pasture, enclosed with wire fencing, where a hundred head of cattle are kept. The people pay one dollar per month for pasture. The owner is an Indian and he owns one hundred and sixty acres in pasture and cacao. He offered us a piece of land 100x100 ft at the corner of two roads as a site for church or school. Though friendly he is still a Hindu. Certainly these people should have a place to meet. At present they assemble in the gallery of the Catechist's house. This Catechist whose name is Butau was first taught by Mr. Christie to