

the traders' stations near Malo, and Mr. Landels, the Missionary of that island, sent it down by natives in his boat.

This is the first letter I have received from you. Your first letter and also the Report must, I fear, have gone astray. I have received three of the LETTER LEAFLETS, and have wondered who was so kindly sending them to me. I read them with much pleasure. Thank you for them.

We feel grateful to you and the other ladies connected with your society for taking an interest in us and our work. May the Lord bless you in all your labors for Him. We are working along slowly, but hopefully, among our people. They continue very friendly and are gaining more confidence in us. Between twenty and thirty of the men and boys of this village attend the two services held on the Sabbath day fairly well, and their conduct during service is commendable. Moli Natu, one of our high chiefs, is seldom absent from the services. The other chief, Moli Sokesoke, has never been in the building. He says the worship is good and promises to come, but that is all. Moli Natu, with some of the men and boys, attend the week day morning school, but they are making slow progress, they attend so irregularly and everything is so new to them. We are doing little or nothing among the women and girls as yet, for the men will not allow them to attend either church or school. This is the day of small things with us. The truth seems to make so very little impression upon those who do hear. Still it is always line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little. It is the Lord's work, and we must expect a blessing upon it if we work faithfully. Dear friend, pray for us that the Lord may soon open the hearts of these poor dark-hearted people to receive the light. You at home cannot understand the depth of darkness under which these poor creatures sit—so low, so very low, especially the women, who are little better than beasts of burden, beaten and made to bear heavy loads, and that, too, when ill and in a state unfit for going about. We feel for them, but can do so little to help them as yet. Mr. Annand has interfered in two cases of wife beating. The chief says that if Mr. A. sees a man beating his wife he is to beat the man. Mr. A. told him that was the chief's work, not his. One of the young men of the village came to our house one evening about three weeks ago, crying. He told Mr. Annand that he was ordered from the village to live on the