

more, even allowing some of them to do a little work for us, which enables us to gain more influence over them.

I am sorry to say that our school is not very popular. Some of the young people can read the Gospel by Matthew, which Mr. Annand translated and printed for them this year. They have also a small hymn-book and catechism combined.

Mr. Annand and our teacher hold two services on Sabbath at two villages on the mainland. On Santo we are most anxious to reach the hill tribes, but cannot do so until we get more teachers. We cannot get men. Our hearts were made sore upon our return home to learn that one of our teachers from Efaté had died after two days' illness. It seems that he was out fishing and caught cold. God's dealings seem at times hard to understand, but He does all things well.

We had a delightful meeting of Synod this year. There were twenty-nine grown people and eleven children. We were kept quite busy from morning till night with such a houseful. I do not think that you at home can realize how we all enjoy these reunions, when we can meet and sympathize with each other in joys and sorrows. The past year has been the most trying one for many years in this mission. There was so much sickness and other trials in the mission families.

You mention for our encouragement the good work that has been accomplished on the other islands. We saw a grand sight when at Nguna on our way home from Synod meeting. We spent a Sabbath there. Mr. and Mrs. Milne have been there twenty-two years. When we came to the islands, they were all cannibals there, and Mr. Milne worked for nine years with but one man willing to listen to him. The Sabbath we were there, the beautiful church was full to overflowing, over five hundred being present, all so attentive and looking so clean and nice. Some of them had walked ten miles that morning to get to church. What a change the Gospel has made in those people