

by an Arab in revenge for his execution of three slave dealers. His death occurred last October, and his body was given to the cannibal natives to be devoured.

—Civilization is bound to enter Africa, for thousands of miles of railroad are already in use, and various projects are crowding forward. Erelong the locomotive is likely to be climbing from Mombasa 650 miles to Uganda, and the construction has been commenced of the Cairo and Cape Town telegraph line, with capital enough subscribed to build it as far northward as Victoria Nyanza Lake.

—Over 200 African converts in Uganda and the regions about have suffered death rather than give up their faith in Christ.

—The Anglican Church has started a labor colony in South Africa, much like that which General Booth has projected in England.

—Rev. S. Trotter Williams, native superintendent of the Countess of Huntingdon's churches in Sierra Leone, has recently dedicated two mission chapels in heathen localities, occupied by Sherbro and Mendi tribes. The entire cost of one of the stations was defrayed by Mr. William List, of London.

—It is pleasant to find French testimony to England's good work on the Nile from the pen of Felix Dubois in the *Figaro*. He confesses that he went to Egypt to get documentary and other evidence of England's tyranny. But he feels bound to confess that not only has his mission entirely failed, but honesty obliges him to acknowledge the beneficence of English influence. The fellah, he found, is not crushed by taxation, the United Debt is at par, agriculture improves daily. He gives a picture of Colonel Scott-Moncrieff as "The Gordon of Irrigation," who carries on the works with a Bible in his hand, and has for his motto, "God, embankments, and canals."

—It is fashionable in Madagascar to be a Christian, and this fact is a hindrance. The missionaries have to strive, not to get people into the church, but to keep them out until they give evidence of being truly converted.

#### ISLANDS OF THE SEA.

—When the missionaries went to Borneo, they found a fierce population who beautified (?) their rude huts with the skulls of their enemies. These skulls were also their chief offering to their gods. In the southern part of the island the Netherlands Missionary Society has a church-membership of 4000, and among the various tribes may be found 3000 members of the English Church.

—In the Dutch East Indies there is a population of 27,000,000, and but 79 missionaries.

—In Malaysia is a population of 60,000,000, mostly Mohammedan Malays. The British and Foreign Bible Society has 7 European colporteurs at work, and 25 who are natives. At Singapore alone Bibles are furnished in 45 languages.

—On the Sangir Islands, near Celebes, and recently desolated by a volcanic eruption, out of a population of 80,000, the Protestant Christians number 20,000.

—Nine casks of missionary arrowroot have been sent to Edinburgh this year from Aneityum, New Hebrides, and three from Fortuna. The latter is a contribution from the native Christians to help prepare native teachers and to build the first church in Fortuna. It was these same "savages" who were glad to pay for their Bibles at the rate of about \$2 a leaf.

—Though Fiji is so thoroughly redeemed from the terrible savagery of former days, yet Christian toilers have no rest, but rather find themselves compelled to resist determined aggression, and also to take in hand the heathen Hindu coolies, who are brought in great numbers to the islands.