

"Up! for this is the day in which the Lord hath delivered the oppressor into thine hand: is not the Lord gone out before thee?"—*Gleaner*.

ISLANDS OF THE SEA.

—The Anglo-Chinese school of Singapore had last year an average attendance of 507, and is the largest school in the Straits Settlements. It is self-supporting.

—"A prominent Dutch gentleman, who traveled for years in the Dutch East Indies, speaks thus of his approach to the village bordering on Toba Lake, where the missionaries had established churches: 'To be welcomed in the land of cannibals by children singing hymns, this, indeed, shows the regenerating power of the Gospel.'"

—Rev. J. G. Paton writes from the New Hebrides: "The following facts and figures may be interesting: There were 18 missionaries and 271 teachers at work last year, and 9587 people attending school, and there are now 296 candidates for baptism; 492 adult baptisms and 148 marriages were solemnized during this year. The sum of \$156 in cash was raised and 5210 pounds of arrowroot, amounting to about \$1300, was made for mission purposes. This item does not include the large amount paid for books in cash or by contribution of arrowroot. Sixteen couples volunteered for work on heathen islands, and 1120 natives renounced their heathenism and joined the Christian party, while the number of church-members stands at 2082."

—The converts of Aneityum, New Hebrides, having been taught how to make arrowroot, last year sent \$500 as a missionary contribution to the Free Church of Scotland. They also keep up 28 village school-houses on the island. All their money comes from the sale of arrowroot.

—And a Norwegian missionary writes: "At present we have a very troublesome time. The people are re-

belling against the French in several places and murdering many Europeans. It is not only a rebellion against the French authorities, but also a rising against Christianity. The old idols are restored, the churches burned, and missionaries, as well as their faithful adherents, persecuted and killed. Churches and school-houses are burned, Bibles and other books destroyed. Our mission in the North Betsileo has had a very severe loss. One of our best stations has been altogether destroyed, and at another many valuable houses have been ruined. All the churches belonging to these stations with three or four exceptions (altogether 75) have been burned. At Antsirabe we had a hospital, a sanatorium, and a leper home, with 30 lepers in about 60 houses. In the leper village there was also a church and a little hospital. All the buildings, as well as the doctor's dwelling-house, have been destroyed."

—During the past year the islanders of Kusaie, Micronesia, have built 3 new churches of the native coral rock to take the place of those destroyed by a hurricane five years ago. It required the labor of all the natives on the island for several weeks, and at the dedication service the people attended in a body.

—Writing from Madagascar to his son in Edinburgh, under date June 8th, a missionary states that only 5 out of 25 churches in that part of the island were left standing. The rest had been set on fire and burnt by the natives. He says: "There are French troops up north constantly on the move against the enemy, but they find no enemy to fight. Where they go the enemy leave, and when they leave, return. Only towns where there are garrisons are now safe. Anarchy reigns all north of us for miles and miles. It is partly a patriotic rising, but chiefly heathen. The people up north who have never forsaken their heathenism, tho they built themselves churches and met in them, have gone back to their pagan practices with a rush. The quiet days of missionary work are gone."