

to kill all the white people. Since killing Mr. Sawers and his servant, a Malekula man, they had a plot laid to kill the Frenchmen settled on a coffee plantation eighteen miles from us, but were disappointed. Upon seeing a French man-of-war coming they fled. Last week we heard that they intended killing six young Englishmen who are living six miles from us, so Mr. Annand went down at once to put them on their guard. These young men are respectable and industrious, and have been kind to all the natives with whom they have had any dealings. We can learn no reason for the murder of Mr. Sawers but their deadly hatred towards all white people. We always knew that the natives of this south side had a very bad name, but they have been comparatively quiet since we came, until within the last three or four months. We cannot tell how or when it may end, but we know that we are in God's hand, and all will be well.

There have been two men-of-war in since the murder, indeed the "Cordelia" has been in twice, but as yet have taken no action, which makes it much worse for us than if they had stayed away.

These troubles have, in a measure, hindered the progress of our work. The seven lads are still with us, also the two women. We had a bright little girl about twelve years old with us for three months, but they succeeded in getting her away last week. Her guardian is a man firmly opposed to the Christian religion. The progress of those living with us is by no means rapid. The attendance at the Sabbath services is fair, but we are denied the joy of seeing a change of heart in any of them. I sometimes wonder that they attend, as they do not seem to believe God's Word. Oh, that He would work in their hearts. Unless He breathes upon them His Holy Spirit our labours are useless. Dear friends, cease not to pray for the advancement of the cause in this dark isle.

Many thanks for the report received, also for the LETTER LEAFLETS which I always look forward to with pleasure. I read with joy about the advance the work in India is making. Surely while the Lord is showering blessings on other lands He will grant some drops to fall on us. In regard to the names of new missionaries, etc., I will enclose you a list taken from the "Day-spring" report of last year. No new men have come to the field