

tion began in the American mission schools.

—In all from the beginning, by the Church Missionary Society alone, about 70 Africans on the West Coast have been ordained.

—The course pursued by Mgr. Hirth in connection with the distribution of the Scriptures in Uganda is followed by an urgent appeal from Mgr. Le Roy for the same method of procedure in the French Congo. The influence of the Book as an instrument of propaganda is increasingly admitted by Romish workers. Mgr. Le Roy advocates the immediate creation of a society standing in the same relation to the Church of Rome as that assumed by the Bible and tract societies toward the Protestant communions.

—Another training institution after the pattern of Lovedale is to be established in connection with the United Presbyterian missions of Scotland in Old Calabar, on the western coast of Africa. The combination of religious, intellectual, and industrial education seems to be of special practical advantage in Africa.

—The journal of the Evangelical Society of Paris for July contains a long account of M. Mabile, of Morija, whose death is spoken of by the *Christian Express* of Lovedale as "a terrible loss to South Africa, not to speak of Basutoland." "We venture to say," says the *Express*, "that as a spiritual force there was no superior soul south of the Zambesi. Absolute simplicity and absolute solidity of character, French fineness of nature and long experience, burning zeal for souls and restrained sobriety of statement, perfect knowledge of the Basuto character and language, were among the elements that gave M. Mabile his position of influence and eminence." He had endured thirty-four years of service.

—The waters of Lake Nyassa are soon to be ploughed by 10 steamers, some engaged in traffic, but mainly engaged in the service of the King, carrying glad tidings to the benighted.

## ISLANDS OF THE SEA.

—The *Methodist Times* is jubilant over the news from Australia to the effect that the General Australian Conference, representing all the Wesleyan conferences in Australia, after a debate which lasted for nearly three days, finally decided, by an immense and overwhelming majority, in favor of the organic union of all the Methodist churches in Australia. The moment the vote was announced the conference, under an irresistible impulse, sang the doxology.

—Are we awake, or do we dream? A college in the New Hebrides! Yes, and particularly for the education of native teachers and pastors. The mission synod at its recent meeting in Aneityum determined to establish an institution for that purpose. They appointed Mr. Annand principal, with power to select a site and to employ an assistant, who is to be paid by funds raised by the synod.

—Lanien, a Marshall Island preacher, was kept in prison last year for three months at Jaluij because he had persisted in Christian work at Mejuro against the wish of the German commissioner. He was released when the *Morning Star* was at Jaluij, and when he was asked by Mrs. Pease if he were lonely while in prison, he looked down at the Bible which he held in his hand and quickly replied: "Oh, it was a good time to teach me many things!" Subsequently he asked if any embargo was to be placed on his preaching the Gospel. "because," said he, "that is the one thing I want to do. I cannot live any other way. If they are going to prohibit that, tell them they had better take a rope and hang me at once."

—Said Dr. Parkhurst in a sermon on Acts 1:8: "The uttermost part of the earth": "The point antipodal to Jerusalem is 155° west longitude. March 31st, 1819, Christ's witnesses aboard the *Thadæus* sighted the Hawaiian snow-capped peak of Mauna Loa. The missionary craft ran into port at 155° west longitude, and the 'uttermost part' was reached."