

and waifs and outcasts from all parts of the world!

—Dr. Paton says of the New Hebrides : “ Since I entered the field, thirty-four years ago, by God’s blessing on the united labors of our missionaries He has given us about 14,000 converts, and about 200 of them are engaged as native teachers.”

—It is scarcely a quarter of a century since the first baptism in Micronesia. Now there are 46 self-supporting churches, with over 4300 church-members.

—The United Norwegian Lutheran Church in the United States has been notified that the Mission Society of Norway will hand over to it the southern part of the island of Madagascar, including the three mission stations, St. Augustine, Mangasona, and Ft. Dauphin.

—The rumored occupation by the British of the Johnston Islands in the Pacific Ocean, 600 miles southwest of Honolulu, and of the Gilbert Islands, have an important bearing upon missionary movements, since the rule of England would be more tolerant and conducive to the growth of Protestantism than that of Spain.

AUSTRALIA.

—A missionary training home has been opened in Melbourne.

—After hearing two missionary sermons in Melbourne recently, a man in very moderate circumstances sent \$2500 to be divided between missions in India and New Guinea.

—Here is Dr. Clark’s account of an Australian consecration meeting. It reads like a description of one of our great conventions : “ I have attended many consecration services in my life, but very few that have exceeded in genuine spiritual power this meeting in the Centenary Wesleyan Church. The great

audience-room with its two galleries was crowded ; the singing was magnificent. With one or two exceptions, every society in the whole colony was represented ; sometimes, in the case of the more distant, by only two or three members ; often by a large company. As the roll of societies was called, each responded by a passage of Scripture or a verse of a hymn, and the consecration was so genuine and spontaneous, the expression so hearty and vigorous, that I am sure the meeting will not soon be forgotten in the religious circles of Sydney. Even after the Mizpah benediction had been pronounced, the young people could not refrain from singing ; but all the way home through the dark streets, at the railway station, and at every suburban place, where the train left its contingent of Christian Endeavorers, the Endeavor songs were heard.”

—The Methodist churches of various names all over Australia are conferring with a view to union. In Sidney the representatives of the various bodies have resolved, by practically unanimous votes, that union is desirable. The name of the united church is to be “ The Methodist Church of Australia.”

CENTRAL AMERICA.

—The Moravians have received the cordial consent of the Catholic government of Nicaragua to establish a mission on its territory. It is hoped that this will result in the opening up of the whole of Nicaragua to mission work.

—The Moravian Mission on the Mosquito Coast (Nicaragua) has lost the little sailing vessel (*the Meta*), so indispensable to convey the missionaries, mails, provisions, and other necessities to their 3 stations north of Bluefields, the capital of the Mosquito Indian Territory. No lives were lost in the wreck, but the schooner and her cargo are a dead loss, and the vessel must be replaced as soon as possible.