

could lay hold of in the dark put into the canoe and taken to Nowar's, but no native durst assist me, so we could do little. Abraham and I returned, and waited to see if the Inikahi and Kasirumini people would return. And, as the sun rose, Miaki blew his large conch, and a mass of howling savages began to rush down the Inikahi hills; and continued increasing till the shore was covered with them, reaching from the mission-house as far as I could see; and as they were all yelling and pressing on for our house, I thought it prudent to lock up the house, and retire through the bush to Nowar's village, where we found the people all crying, quaking with terror, and running about in despair, at seeing so many armed savages assembled on the shore so near them, scarcely a mile distant. A large party went to our house, but as they found it locked and no person about they returned to the assembled thousands on the shore.

Nauka and Miaki now went to them and advised them not to steal, or burn my house to day, and I would likely return to obtain more property at night, when they would watch and kill me and my Aneiteumese. Nauka and Miaki said, "Let us all go, and fight, and kill Manuman and his people, for Kamimi, his brother killed Jau by sorcery, and he loves Missi and the worship, which we all hate. They made the hurricane to destroy our food, and they have plenty of pigs, yams, and kava; let us go and kill them, and steal all, and then we will kill Missi." To this they all agreed, and went to Manuman's, where, on reaching his first village they killed two men, two women, and two children. The inhabitants fled, and all feeble women and children who fell into their hands were murdered, and cooked here and there by groups of the Inikahi and Kasirumini people, who, headed by Miaki, burned seven villages, and carried off all the native property.

About midday, Nauka, Miaki, and Karewick sent Jonas to tell me that they had all agreed to love me and the worship; therefore I was to return to my house. The war was going inland and would not return to my house. But, though he was very urgent, Nowar and Abraham would not allow me to return, as they were only deceiving us. Abraham went to see our house, which was as we left it; but the Tannese had enlarged the path to it, and a party of Miaki's armed men were concealed near to it, and asked many questions about me; therefore he returned, entreating me not to go, as he was sure they were preparing to kill me. At sunset, Abraham and his wife, and Mr Matheson's servant, who had come on Saturday with a letter, went again to our house, and found Nauka, Miaki, and Karewick's Inikahi people, and the Kasirumini people, concealed among the reeds along the path leading to our house. They inclosed my Aneiteumese to kill them, but Nauka and Miaki cried, "Don't just now; what is the odds against them when Missi is not there?" On reaching the house, Abraham sent back his wife and Mr M's. servant, to tell me on no account to follow, but on seeing them again, the savages closed up the path along the shore. On seeing this, Mr Matheson's servant fled, and got through the bush to Nowar's, but Abraham's wife went on, keeping close to the sea, and, by Nauka's orders they let her pass; and Miaki said, "Go and tell Missi to come to his house, and we will not kill him." Soon after Abraham returned, saying, he believed they were prepared to kill me; so Nowar and his people urged me not to return.

|| Towards morning, when Miaki and his party saw they were disappointed, they went, broke in the door of my house, stole all they could, tore my books to pieces, and scattered them around the house, also scattered about the type of my printing press, and with their axes destroyed what they could not carry away. I lay concealed on the ground in Nowar's hut till morning, and it was a sleepless, anxious night, not only to me, but to many of his people. ||

|| *Tuesday, 21st.*—This morning they renewed the attack upon poor Manuman and his people, burned the villages of two other districts, killed all who came in their way, and carried off all their property, and resolved at night to murder me in Nowar's house. Towards evening Miaki sent for me to go and speak with him, but Nowar and his people entreated me not to go, but to send Abraham, who went, and found Miaki very gloomy, and seemingly only wanting to know in what house I slept. Soon after Nowar was informed that they had agreed to kill him also for protecting me; and at sunset he informed me that I must now leave his house,