

to do, for both his hands were cut off? His wish to be herdman was granted. He was once healthy and strong. One day a man came to him, asking assistance in getting a girl for a wife. He refused. A short time after the other man died, and the witch doctors accused the now cripple of having caused his death. A relation of the dead man went and cut off the young man's ears, nose, and upper lip. His head looks now almost like the skull of a dead person.

—A careful estimate, based on all available sources of information, brings out the total weight of diamonds exported from South Africa down to the end of 1892 at 50,000 carats, or something over 10 tons! The value of this mass of gems would be, roughly, about \$350,000,000. If heaped together, they would form a pyramid 6 feet high on a base of 9 feet square.

—Mrs. French-Sheldon, who a year or two since pushed her way far toward the interior of the Dark Continent, and who says she "hates the word missions," is to found a state about 600 miles north of Zanzibar, and on either side of the Juba River for some 450 miles inland. She has heard from 3000 Americans who are anxious to go, and thinks that \$50,000 will suffice for laying foundations. Some time next year the pioneers will be on their journey.

—The Bishop of Nyassaland told an interviewer that of 9 missionaries who sailed with him in February, 1893, 4 have died and 2 have been invalidated.

—Dr. Laws says: "On the shores of Lake Nyassa, a few years ago the habitation of cruelty, there are now Christian schools with 150 teachers and 7000 scholars."

—In response to an appeal put forth during Lent at Mengo, Uganda, by the missionaries, 25 men and youths offered themselves for evangelistic work, and 13 of the number were solemnly dismissed by the congregation at Easter, 3 going to one of the Ravuna Islands,

and the others in couples to the Sese Islands.

### ISLANDS OF THE SEA.

—One contrast between now and fifty years ago, when it was decided to undertake mission work, is the decrease in the population of the New Hebrides. When the Geddies landed on Aneityum in 1848, the population was about 4000, and Rev. John Inglis estimated that it must have been at one time 10,000 or more. In 1880 it was reduced to 1200, and in 1893 to 710.

—The Christian world will not forget Dr. Paton as he returns to the New Hebrides, the scene of his remarkable toils and triumphs. Not many missionaries have been permitted to bestow such large measures of blessing both in the field and also upon the churches of America and Great Britain.

—We need not be at all surprised to learn that, excited by a political trouble in Fiji, at the instigation of their chiefs, some of the natives have returned to their old-time devil worship, or "Lave Ni Wai," as a way out of the difficulty, the pretender saying he had received revelations from the old gods of Fiji. During the revolt they raided several towns, massacring people and mutilating and eating the dead, after the custom of fifty years ago. This was the first act of general cannibalism since 1876.

—In view of the large number of Japanese at the Hawaiian Islands, and also of the long acquaintance of Rev. O. H. Gulick and wife with the native Hawaiian people, it has been deemed advisable that, though still connected with the Japan Mission, they should remain on Hawaii. In a recent letter from Honolulu, Mr. Gulick says: "We have now 9 Japanese preachers and evangelists, very valuable men, laboring for their countrymen in these islands, the most of them supported by plantation funds for the benefit of the laborers. Of these 9 men, 4 are on Hawaii, 1 on Maui, 2 on Kauai, and 2 on Oahu."