

MISSIONARY NEWS.

Bishop Ridley, of Caledonia, held his first Confirmation on March 9th, at Kincolith, where the Rev. T. Dunn, formerly of Ceylon, is now stationed. Thirteen women and twelve men were confirmed.

A new station of the East Africa Mission has been established in the Teita country, seventy or eighty miles inland from Mombasa. Mr. J. A. Wray is located there, on the western side of a mountain 5,000 feet high.

The Rev. William L. Groves, B. A., of Pembroke College, Cambridge, formerly curate of Whitechapel, afterwards to Bishop Burdon at Hong-Kong, and latterly acting-chaplain at Shanghai, has offered himself to the C. M. S. for missionary work in China, and has been appointed for the present to assist the Rev. J. C. Hoare at the Ningpo College.

The Rev. G. Litchfield, late of the Nyanza Mission, has been appointed to the Bheel Mission Rajputana. The Bheels are the wild hill tribe for whose evangelisation the Rev. C. S. Thompson has sent out three years ago on a special benefaction of £1,000 for the purpose from the Rev. E. H. Bickersteth. The mission having now been taken on the general fund, Mr. Bickersteth has given another £1,000 to provide a second missionary, which has been supplemented by additional gifts from Mr. Joseph Hoare and other friends.

A mission board has been established in New Zealand, comprising the three Bishops of Auckland, Walpau, and Wellington; Archdeacons Clarke and Williams (secretary); the Revs. R. Burrows and S. Williams; and Messrs. Larkins, Clarke, and Tanner, to administer the Society's grant to the Mission and the revenue from the Society's hands in the island; and an arrangement has been made for a yearly diminution of the former, and for its cessation at the end of twenty years, subject to the personal claims of individual missionaries on the Society. The scheme has been cordially welcomed in New York.

Recent reports from the Niger Mission, sent in by the two African Archdeacons, Henry Johnson and Dandeson Crowther, are very remarkable. In the Delta, at Bonny and Brass, where ten years ago the most degraded heathenism and barbarism reigned almost undisturbed, there are now 4,000 souls under regular Christian instruction; and at some of the upper stations (the furthest of which is 320 miles up the River) there has been notable conversions in the past year. At Onitsha, forty three adult converts were baptized in the year. The King, hitherto hostile, has commanded the observance of Sunday, and arranged for a public service at his own court; a chief has been buried without the offering of human sacrifices at his grave; and the new Christians of the place have spontaneously visited neighbouring towns to tell them of the Gospel.

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