

THE MISSION FIELD.

ISLANDS OF THE PACIFIC.

The report of the Hawaiian Mission for 1883 speaks of the progress made towards the completion of the Cathedral of Honolulu. The island stone being found harder than was anticipated, the builder undertook to furnish from England the stone required, at the same cost. The maintenance of St. Cross School and of the Mission in Wailuku have entailed a heavy burden on the funds of the Mission, owing to the withdrawal of a Government grant and the increased price of provisions. In other parts, as the Island of Kanai, the Church is now self-supporting.

A munificent gift has been offered to the Church in Fiji. The Hon. John Campbell, who gave £10,000 towards the foundation of the new see of Riverina, in Australia, and of whom we spoke last month as so largely contributing to the cost of building the cathedral of Goulburn, has signified to the Archbishop of Canterbury, that he intends to devote £10,000 for the endowment of a Bishopric in Fiji, where he possesses some property.

SPAIN.

The Bishop of Gibraltar, who takes an active personal interest in the spiritual needs of British shipping visiting his vast diocese, has placed 100l. a-year at the disposal of the Missions to Seamen, for the support of a Scripture-reader, for the exclusive service of the 62,000 British seamen who annually visit Bilbao. The chaplain of the Missions to Seamen at that port has long been urgently desirous of additional aid, for which funds were not forthcoming. A reader, who has acquired eighteen months' experience, under the Chaplain of the Missions to Seamen at Cardiff, has been selected for the post. The Bishop has, moreover, consented to become a trustee for the Missions to Seamen Institute, built at Bilbao, at a cost of 1,550l., so as to be able to afford that institution the benefit of his wide experience during his Lordship's periodical visitations of that port.

On a recent Monday a dedication service was held on board the new Mission steamer *Allen Gardiner*, which has been built at Port Glasgow for the South American Missionary Society for service in Terra del Fuego, and which is now lying in London Docks. The vessel which will be commanded by Captain J. C. T. Willis, is a wooden-built auxiliary screw, with engines of 60 horse power, 80 feet long, 16 feet beam, 87 tons measurement, and fore-and-aft schooner-rigged. She will start in about a week to proceed to the neighborhood of Cape Horn, for the purpose of continuing the work of Christian civilization that has been so singularly successful amongst the inhabitants of the Fuegian Archipelago. This is the third vessel bearing the same name and commission in memory of Commander Allen Gardiner, R. N., whose heroic efforts to benefit the Fuegians ended in his death from starvation with six companions in 1851. One lady, Mrs. Langworthy, of Manches-

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ter, contributed £2,000 towards the present steamer. Among those taking part in the dedication service were the Rev. W. Windle, the Rev. C. Stirling, the Rev. R. J. Simpson, the Rev. A. Welby, the Rev. H. S. Ackworth, and the Rev. C. P. Mahony.

INDIA.

The operations of the Church Missionary Society among the Moslems in the Kirshnagar district in Northern India, are quite encouraging. One of the missionaries writes:

"It may be truly said that the Mussulmans here are like sheep without a shepherd. One result of this is the observance of many idolatrous practices. Many of the Mussulmans put the signs of the goddess *Lakhi* on their walls the same way as the Hindus do. In preaching to such men, we can speak strongly on the ground of their own creed. In many villages we have acted as Mussulman reformers in getting the people to erase all the idolatrous signs. We always feel that when we have succeeded with them thus far we have established our characters as religious teachers, and that a good step has been taken to bring them to complete obedience to the faith. But for the chain of caste, which binds the Mussulmans almost as fast as it binds the Hindus, Mohammedanism would fall to pieces. I speak for my own district, but I believe the same holds good in rural Bengal generally. If the Church at home were alive to its duty and opportunity, Bengal would be overrun by itinerating missionaries, giving special attention to the Mussulmans. Schools and colleges hardly touch this vast community." There is an impression among them that they must ere long become Christians.

JAPAN.

At the last regular monthly missionary meeting of St. Luke's Church, San Francisco, says the *Pacific Churchman*, Miss Hoar, an English missionary in Japan, was present, and gave a very interesting account of her work at Tokio and vicinity, especially a narration of the Christian work done for the inhabitants of a small island in the Japanese group, who are all English or Americans—and yet who till recently have been entirely destitute of religious privileges. Miss Hoar sailed on the City

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of Pekin, October 7th, and carries with her the earnest prayer and good wishes of many friends.

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