

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

The conference was held at Aneiteum, beginning on the 3rd September, and closing on the 7th. The missionaries present were, Dr. Geddie, Messrs. Inglis, Paton, Copeland, Morrison, Gordon, Cosh, and Neilson, also Capt. Fraser of the *Dayspring*. Mr. McNoir was unable to be present. Several points of importance connected with the missionary work, engaged the attention of the brethren. A resolution was adopted to the effect that having heard the reports of the missionaries, labouring in the several islands, the meeting accept the same, and express its thankfulness to God, that considering the many difficulties to be overcome, the work is on the whole in such a favourable state.

By another resolution Dr. Geddie and Mr. Inglis were appointed a committee to draw up an appeal to the various churches, interested in the mission, for more missionaries.

Resolutions with reference to the traffic in natives, the postal regulations for the islands, and the service of the missionary vessel, the *Dayspring*, were also passed. The next meeting was appointed to be held at Aneiteum on the 1st of August, or as soon thereafter as possible.

From the letters of some of the missionaries it appears that, for eight or nine months some of them had no communication with the world outside.

MISSIONS OF FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

INDIA.—From Chinsurah, the native missionary, Rev. Prosanna Kumar Chatterjya, announces the baptism of a young man. Another young man had applied for baptism, but was taken away by his father and some men.

KAFFRARIA.—Mr. McDiarmid, of McFarlane Station, Kaffraria, reports no fewer than eight baptisms, and the admission of one young woman baptized in infancy,—three males and six females, seven Fingoes and two Kaffirs. Of these Kaffirs one, Matova, was a chief, about 60 years of age, whose history is said to be very remarkable. There are five men and several females in the class of candidates, who may probably soon be admitted into the christian church. Weekly meetings for prayer have been held in the several new localities.

MISSIONS OF UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

KAFFRARIA.—The new mission recently begun, at Tuluka, in Krelis' country, is already presenting symptoms of progress. The Rev. J. Davidson gives the following account of the gathering in of the first fruits of the mission :—

My First Native Baptism.—Preached at the Toloni (the Free Church station,) and baptized a Fingoe woman. The case of this woman is most interesting. She was the second wife of a red heathen; but on hearing the words of salvation, the Lord opened her heart, as he did Lydia's of old; she became concerned about the salvation of her soul; attended the candidates' class for years; left her husband, for which she suffered great persecution, had her clothes torn from her back, whipped till the blood ran from her body, all to make her go and live in a state of polygamy; but it was all in vain, she was as firm as a rock. 'I have been a thief,' she said; 'I have stolen another woman's husband. My conscience tells me now that I did wrong, and I cannot go back.' She went off and left her husband, and after being instructed for several years in the candidates' class, she was received into the fellowship of the church. This is my first baptism of a native; and knowing her whole