

MISSIONARY NEWS.

The Rev. G. Maunell, missionary at Opotiki, New Zealand, has made at the request of the Bishop of Auckland, a Maori version of Canon Norris's "Key to the Acts of the Apostles." He had previously translated the "Key to the Four Gospels."

The Rev. T. R. Wade has passed through the press his Kashmiri translation of the four Gospels, one thousand copies of which have been printed; and also the Morning and Evening services. The rest of the New Testament, and most of the Prayer Book are also ready for printing. Copies of the Gospels, nicely bound, were sent to the Maharajah of Kashmir and to his Vizier, and were very kindly acknowledged.

The Hawke's Bay Herald (New Zealand) of March 16 and 23 contains interesting accounts of a great gathering of Maoris at two villages not far from Napier, the object of which seems to have been some sort of rapprochement between the still disaffected "Kingite" natives of the Waikato district, and the loyal tribes of the more civilized country about Napier. The "Maori King" himself, Tawhiao, was present. The opportunity was taken by the Bishop of Waiapu and the Rev. S. Williams to hold services for the assembled people, which were thronged by attentive hearers.

The Bishop of Lahore has been visiting Persia on his way from India to England. At the request of the C. M. S. Committee, the Bishop of London gave him a commission to exercise episcopal functions in that country; and he confirmed 65 native Christians of Dr. Bruce's congregation on May 18th, and on the 20th admitted the excellent Armenian Assistant, Minasakin George, to deacon's orders. This is the first Anglican confirmation and ordination in Persia and it will cause much joy to the many friends in all parts of England who have listened to Dr. Bruce's fervent appeals for that "wilderness" and "desert" as he was so fond of calling it. Bishop French is expected in England immediately.

On Trinity Sunday an ordination was held by the Bishop of Singapore, Labuan, and Sarawak, in the diocesan church of St. Thomas, Sarawak, when the Revs. M. J. Bywater, C. W. Fowler, and L. W. Howell, were ordained priests. On the Friday evening Archdeacon Mesney gave an address on some special points bearing upon a missionary's work among the natives. On Saturday evening the Bishop delivered an impressive exhortation on the more spiritual aspects of a priest's work and life among the Dyaks. At the ordination service the Rev. J. Perham preached the sermon on 2 Cor. v. 18; and the Archdeacon presented the candidates. The choir was composed of Chinese and Dyak boys, who united in singing the English offices in a way which reflected credit both upon themselves and their teachers. There was also a number of Chinese and Dyak Christians with the European congregation, who witnessed the solemn function. The offertory, including that made at evensong, amounted to one hundred dollars, which was divided among the three missions of the newly ordained priests.

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