

upon our Church to see and know whether we ought not to go and teach these idol-renouncing people the principles of a soul-saving Christianity. As to the means, I think I see before me to-night some half-dozen laymen who would be found ready to say, send you the men, we will give the money."

MISSIONS OF UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

OLD CALABAR—FIVE CONVERTS BAPTIZED.—The Rev. W. Goldie gives the following account of the baptism of five new converts, at Creek Town, Old Calabar :—

Monday, 1st April.—Usual meetings yesterday. In the afternoon addressed on the benefits of the ordinance of baptism from Matt. xxviii. 18-20, and administered the rite to five individuals, namely, a headman from the Esekko farm district, named Mbukpa Esien Eyo, a native of Mbegheti, which seems to be a district of Ekoí; Edau Akpa Abia, a young man, blind, a native of Ibibio; Ansa Esieh, an old woman, a native of Mbe, a tribe bordering on Miburukon; Eke Ansa, a native of Calabar, who came as a refugee into the Mission yard about four years ago; and Ekpa Aban, a native of Idua (Ekri Tobacco), the first from that tribe who has been received into the church. May they be all living stones built in God's temple! Mbukpa is the first-fruits of the evangelistic labours commenced in Esekko district by Mr. Robb and native assistants. May he be the earnest of much more. Eke the refugee belonged to a sister of the late King Eyo iv., who on the death of her daughter in 1860, determined to observe the old custom, and destroyed three of her people by the poison bean, and Eke was doomed to the same fate. She escaped into the bush, and lurking there made her way to the Mission House, where she has remained since. Her mistress made several attempts to sell her, as she could not get possession of her; but I determined to keep hold of the girl, in hope that the British Consul, in consideration of the circumstances, might be willing to declare her free:

Anniversary Services—Thursday 11th.—Held our anniversary services yesterday. We had divine service in the afternoon in the church, which Mr. Edgerley conducted. The congregational meeting was held in the evening in the school-house. From the report of the year ending 10th of the month, it appears that there have been during the year, 14 baptisms, of which 10 of adults; suspensions, 3; re-admissions, 6; death, 1; membership 53, of whom 46 are natives; catechumens, 28; marriages, 7. The census of all in any way connected with the congregation, children and adults in families of members and adherents, gives 260. Sabbath collections during the year, £18, 4s. 4d.; of which for poor, £4; and expenses, £2, 6s.; leaving £11, 18s. 4d. to be sent to Treasurer. In all those items there is an advance, though small, on last year's numbers, for which we desire to thank God and take courage. Two puncheons of oil have also been promised towards defraying the expense of the alteration of the church at present being made; and a third, which will probably be all that is required, will likely be likewise contributed.

General Religious Intelligence.

THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE.

The fifth general conference of the Evangelical Alliance was opened at Amsterdam on the 18th August, when sermons were preached in the Eng-