

homes no more. It is reported that some of the Tanese have stolen boats on the Fijis, and put to sea in them, vainly hoping to reach their own island; but, as they have in no case succeeded, they have no doubt met with a watery grave.

"A few days before our arrival at Tana, the 'Spunkie' called to bury a man who had been mortally wounded by a poisoned arrow on another island, and the captain of the same vessel was severely wounded on the head by a blow from a club. We met at this place also the 'Margaret Chessel,' which had lost her mate at Apee during the previous voyage, being killed by the natives. Since these events happened, the 'Donald McLean' has buried a man likewise, who died from the effect of a spear wound, inflicted, it is said, by the natives of Mallicolo."

Many similar instances of reprisal on the part of the natives have taken place in many parts of the group. The death of Bishop Patteson would not, humanly speaking, have taken place, but for the exasperation of the natives against the kidnapping white men. Dr. Geddie thus concludes :

"I must now close the sickening details. The curse of slavery is fast changing the aspect of these lovely islands. The time has come for the interference of Government, and that interference has too long been withheld. Every friend of missions will not cease to pray that this abomination, which is the fruitful cause of bloodshed, sin, and crime of every description—or, as John Wesley expressed it, 'the consummation of all villainies'—may soon be numbered with the things that were."

Home Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

CALLS &c.

The Rev. J. F. Dickie has been called by the congregation of *Berlin*. Rev. G. F. Steven has been called by the congregation of *St. Ann's and Welland Port*, and his ordination takes place on the 6th. Rev. W. P. Walker has been called by the congregation of *Ancaster, East and West*. Mr. Walker has accepted the call. The Rev. W. Reeve has received a call from the congregation of *Haliburton*. Rev. W. H. Simpson has declined the call of the *Tilsonburgh* congregation. Rev. W. Blain has received a call from the *Innisfil* congregation, also one from *Carrick*, which he has accepted. The Rev. Peter Goodfellow, formerly of *Widder, Ont.*, has received a unanimous call from the congregation of *Upper Stewiacke, Nova Scotia*, which was rendered vacant last February by the death of the Rev. Dr. Smith, Professor of Systematic Theology, *Halifax*. Rev. J. McFarlane has been called by the congregation of *Farnham*, and Rev. W. Forlong by the congregation of *Henry's Church, Lachute*.

CHURCHES OPENED.

MUSKOKA FALLS.—When our Muskoka Mission was first established, its most prosperous station was at South Falls, where the Government had laid out a village. Two village lots were accordingly, after great difficulty, granted to the Canada Presbyterian Church by the Government, and, about three years ago, steps were taken to erect a church. For various reasons, which need not be specified, the building was left in an unfinished state for two years. But a few months ago, more successful efforts were put forth, and the edifice was at last completed. The 24th of