

and while he floated his skull was most barbarously smashed with a paddle, and his body thrust through with a sharp-pointed pole. Bishop Crowther, hearing of the persecution, proceeded to Bonny, and demanded a meeting of all the chiefs. After much waiting he succeeded in getting them together, but failed to draw from them any satisfactory assurances of a more friendly spirit for the future. Hence Christian worship, in public, is still prohibited to adults in Bonny. The school children only are allowed to attend church.

Of Brass, however, where in past years there was bitter persecution, Bishop Crowther, in his annual report, now gives a more favourable account than from any other station. Towards the erection of a church which has been lately opened, the chiefs gave on the spot, in money and kind, upwards of £200. In the course of the year, fifteen candidates were baptized, making forty-seven for the year at this station. A chief (till lately a bitter persecutor), with twenty-seven of his household, are now candidates for baptism. "He is a wonder to many," writes the Bishop; and the current question is, "Is Chief Short Oruwari also among the church-goers?" He has given up his three "protective idols," and two of these have just been sent home to England.

#### NEW HEBRIDES.

The "Dayspring," after a run of nine days from Aneityum to Sydney, has brought most encouraging tidings. Mr. Macdonald's new converts are holding on their way consistently, and have built a village in which to live near the station. At Efate the Rev. J. W. McKenzie reports that a heathen village has recently embraced the Gospel. Land has been secured for a station at Tongoa, in the Shepherd Isles. The First Epistle of

John has been forwarded by Mr. Milne, in order to its being printed.

#### MICRONESIA.

Important news comes from Micronesia, in the Pacific, in the report of a delegate of the Hawaiian Board, who returned to Honolulu after an absence of seven months spent on the "Morning Star," attending to Mission work on twenty islands. The Gilbert, Marshall, and Caroline Islands were visited. It was a memorable experience, this touching from island to island, learning the status of the people as to civilization and religion, observing the work which Hawaiian missionaries are doing in some places, with none but they to counsel; also to observe the better-known work of missionaries from America, on the Marshall Islands and Ponape. Converts were baptized, churches organized, and at least one pastor ordained, and one people encouraged to build a meeting-house during the tour. At one of the islands, which received a preacher less than two years since, the delegate found the people clothed, and their preacher provided with the best natively-constructed house which any missionary in Micronesia has. The church, 65ft. by 45ft., with walls 14ft. high by 4ft. thick, is built of solid blocks of coral, some of them requiring fifty-five men to carry them from the reef to the place of building. This Micronesian work is under the care of the Hawaiian Board, and therefore the out-growth of the now-finished work of the American Board.

#### LABRADOR.

The Moravian missionaries at Nain mention the following remarkable adventures with wild animals as having occurred to two of their people: An Esquimo, when walking on the shore of an island, on looking behind him, saw six wolves advancing at a rapid pace towards him. Having no