

the past six weeks, both here and in Osaka. In the two churches we hope there will be gathered not less than twenty members, and besides these there will be a good many whom we hope to see in the church before many months. The young men are taking hold of preaching with great interest and zeal, and have already done good service, though not yet baptized.

One of our Episcopal brethren in Osaka has got discouraged, and has gone to Shanghai to preach in the American chapel there, but how any work could look more encouraging than ours now does I can hardly conceive. It seems to me that we cannot expect too much."

The church was organized at Kobe April 19, and Mr. Greene wrote April 24 :—"We hope to have fifteen candidates for baptism at our next communion season, June 1st, in Kobe, to swell the church to twenty-six. At Osaka about ten will be received at first."

Mr. Davis wrote, May 18 :—"Our mission is an interesting and, to human eyes, precarious position. The work is opening everywhere, and all phases of it are pressing upon us to lay the foundations.

The first church formed here April 19 ; another to be formed in Osaka the 24th instant ; all the questions connected with these organizations and their pastorates ; a dozen young men eager to preach the Gospel anywhere, and eager to be prepared for that life-work ; the country opening, so that we are planning to occupy one or two new points ; all this region open to the truth, so that our native helpers can go anywhere among the millions of people and find willing listeners ; the creation and wise circulation of a native literature ; the founding of a girls' boarding-school ; the wise combination of temperaments and forces to make up our stations ;—all these matters press upon us to be dealt with, and yet we are just saying good-bye to Mr. Greene, for translation work in Yokohama (on the expediency of whose removal the mission are unanimous).

Mr. Gulick is absent, to return with his hands somewhat tied, with the care which providence has thrust upon him. Dr. Gordon is laid aside, though so far better that he is available for counsel to some extent. Dr. Berry is overworked with his medical labours, having now the care of five hospitals in as many different towns, which are entirely supported by the natives.

We have four new men who are coming into the harness soon, but we are in a condition to feel our weakness, and look entirely to God for guidance."

BURMAH.

The 60th annual report of the American Baptist Missionary Union states that the baptisms have been, in Burmah, 1081 ; among the Telugus, 1026 ; in Assam, 103 ; in China, 100 ; in Japan, 1. In Burmah there is a very marked improvement in the spirit of the Burmans toward the Gospel, and the sowings of sixty years seem to be approaching their harvest. The mission among the Karen tribes has prospered. In Assam the mission has been sorely hindered by the death and return of missionaries.

NEW ZEALAND.

A third missionary ship for the Melanesian mission was launched at Auckland on March 21st. It bears the same name as its predecessors—the Southern Cross—but has what they had not, auxiliary steam power.