## Missions

-Bishop Crowther, of the Niger Africa, reports that he had received a yisit from a wealthy chief from Ok rika, a town of 10,000 people, forty miles from Bonny, never yet visited by a missign agent. The chief an nounced that the Christianity of the
Bonny mission had extended th Bonny mission had extended the church for Christian worship accummodating 500 people, which wes fille modating j00 people, which was filled Brass Mission reading the service Brass Mission reading the service.
-The Rev. Dr. Verbeck of -The Rev. Dr. Verbeck of the mission of the same church in Japan
narrates the following honeful incinarrat: "A rule was adopted for the Japanese army, that every soldier hould give a small amount to provide for the funeral expeuses and for the or the funeral expeuses and for the might die in the sarvice A young might die in the service. A young Christian soldiet refused to pay his quota, saying that heward the support of the fami give toward the support of the familinary funeral expenses, but not for dinary funeral expenses, but not for the heathen rites of a Japanese burial He was put under arrest, and what mas more Christians to yield He sow ative Christians to yied. Ho hor ever, remained firm. The matter, ecessity, was refired in me govern ent. Huch anxiecy wa in re atien to the decision. The govern ment rehased tie prisoner, restored that he need not pay for Buddhist rites if he was not dispered to. Thi recognition of the rites of coneciene and grant of relimions liberty are worthy of honor and will be heard. with satisfaction by all Christians. -The Board of Missions of the Reformed (Buth) Chureh says of its finances: "The giving during the past four months has, been exceedingly liberal, surpassing that of any similar period in the history of the Board April 1st will foot up about 858,000 in round numbers, No previous four months have yielded so much, except fift of $\$ 56,000$. The made the larg by the offerings of arch at large o the recent liberality was in the four months extending from Novem ber 1st, 1868, to March 1st, 1860 When the amount received was about
345.090 . "The contributions for the debt, when all paid in, will make the sum obout 841,500 . We are free from a burden; shall we say, and will the reater things for our he souls of ther our Lord and for efor rush thoughtlessly upon an advance, to incur unreasonable obligations, to assume respnnsibilities we cannot discharge, to make an advance from make we tust retreat, but fiee ment of our work, to answer sone o the pleading which has been importunately repeated for years past. Shal we send a man to India to tak charge of the hospital and diapensary The institution is unspeakably im portant and influential. Nearly 12 , with them come friends, so that often at rirorning service an audience of 300 persons, all with a kindly and grateful feeling, occupies the dispensing room and its verandahs. A vast many souls hear the words of eternal life. Often the truth is carried back to remote, villages, and heard from af ter many days. The country all around is conciliated, enimosity is displaced by good will, through this work of Christian charity. Just now there is no missionary physician. One is ready to go. Will we send him?-
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