to take rank hereafter as a college. Ground has been secured for this object on Cape Mesurado, and a small stone house erected, at a cost of $300.

There is a large native population in and around the Liberia settlements, and it is hoped, that as our missionary force shall be increased at Monrovia, effective efforts may be made in behalf of the heathen population in this region.

An interesting enterprise has been undertaken by the Sunday Schools of St. George's Church, in the city of New York. They have pledged themselves to supply all the funds which may be necessary to build the Church, of which the foundation has in part been laid, in Monrovia, and to finish the same. The cost will probably not be less than ten thousand dollars. This is mentioned as a noble effort on the part of the Sunday Schools of a single congregation.

Number of Communicants at this station—Colonist, 25.

RECENT VISIT OF THE BISHOP.

The Bishop gives the following particulars in relation to his visit at this station, in May, 1856:

"On Friday the 9th inst. the Rev. Messrs. Crummell, Greene and Russell, having met me in Monrovia, I made arrangements for services in their respective places of worship.

"On the morning of Sunday the 11th, I preached, and ordained to the order of priests, the Rev. Hez. Greene, the Rev. Mr. Crummell, and the Rev. Mr. Pinckney, assisting in the imposition of hands. It rained during the whole morning, and the congregation was consequently small. In the afternoon, I again preached and administered the rite of confirmation to six persons. The attendance on this occasion was good.

"On Monday afternoon, I had the satisfaction of meeting the Committee designated by the Foreign Committee to superintend the erection of Trinity Church, above-mentioned.

"The conditions suggested by the Foreign Committee were readily agreed to, and it is hoped that the work will be entered upon and completed as early as possible. Without any place of worship, and procuring with the utmost difficulty even a room to worship in, Trinity Church congregation is placed at the greatest disadvantage; and the more so, as all other denominations have most comfortable churches. The thatched building, lately put up, is quite unfit for use in the rainy season, and many of the congregation refuse to go into it."

In connection with the foregoing report, in reference to Monrovia, the Committee give the following extract of the letter from the Rev. Mr. Crummell, dated at Monrovia, 7th August, 1856:

"Recently several of our Colonists have been into the interior from three to four hundred miles. On hearing their report of the tribes inland, and of their desire for schools, and teachers and preachers, I pressed the importance of opening roads, upon the minds of several enterprising citizens, chiefly churchmen. The result is, the formation of an "*Inland Road Company*," who are about entering upon their work at once. The President heartily sympathises with the movement, and thus, within the year, we hope to have a road open 20 ft. wide, some 50 or 60 miles in the interior. The company offers special privileges to Missionaries and Missionary Societies."

CLAY-ASHLAND.

The Rev. A. F. Russell is the Missionary at this station, which lies back ten miles from Monrovia. Here a fine field is opened both in regard to Colonists and Natives. Mr. Russell's residence is at Clay-Ashland, where a

small, neat brick church, called Grace Church, has been erected. He officiates also at the Colonist settlements of New York and Caldwell; and also to some extent among the Natives, embracing altogether a circuit of 30 miles.

His last report is dated in May last, at which time he had 20 native boys under instruction.

There is a female school in Clay-Ashland, taught by Mrs. C. De Coursey, and numbering 30 scholars.

Number of Communicants within the bonds of this station—Native, 2; Colonist, 16. Total, 18.

RECENT VISIT OF THE BISHOP.

The Bishop says: "Leaving Monrovia on Tuesday, 13th May, in a canoe sent down for me by Mr. Russell, in company with Mr. Greene, I reached Mr. Russell's about 3 o'clock, P. M. On the next day, Wednesday, I preached and consecrated Grace Church, a neat little brick building in the township of Clay-Ashland. I was assisted in the services by Messrs. Russell, Crummell and Greene. In the afternoon, I again preached and confirmed four persons, several candidates being kept away by the weather and ill health.

"After service, a number of nice little girls gathered around the chancel to shake my hand. They were members of the Mission School taught by Mrs. De Coursey. It was a matter of great regret to me that my time did not allow me to visit and examine this school, which I heard so well spoken of.

"I find that since my last visit, a beautiful village has sprung up in the neighborhood of the church, and it is still extending rapidly back on the north side of the St. Paul's."

The Bishop visited the several out-stations connected with this portion of the field, and was much encouraged. Here, as everywhere in Africa, the work is growing and demands additional laborers.

Recent letters from Bishop Payne, mention his return voyage to Cape Palmas. On his way down the coast, he called again at Bassa Cove, where several additional candidates were confirmed, and at Sinoe, where he left the Rev. Mr. Greene in charge.

The Bishop probably reached Cape Palmas early in June.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

The following general Summary was prepared by the Bishop in January last:

Ordained Missionaries.—Foreign, including the Bishop, 4; Colonist, 5; Native, 2. Total, 11.

Teachers.—Foreign, including Missionaries' wives, 6; Colonist, including wives, 10; Native, 11. Total, 27.

Candidates for Orders. Colonist, 2; Native, 5. Total, 7.

Colonist Beneficiaries.—35; Native do. 134.

Day Scholars.—Colonist, 189; Native, 325. Total, 514.

Sunday School Scholars.—Colonist, 341; Native, 590. Total, 931.

Baptisms.—Adults, 46; Infants, 7. Total, 53.

Confirmations.—Colonist, 13; Native; 23. Total, 35.

Communicants.—Colonist, 128; Native, 113. Total, 241.

Permanent Stations.—12; places regularly visited, 50; occasionally, about 50. Total. 112.

Number of persons brought under the influence of the Mission.—About 100,000.

Missionary Contributions and Alms.—About $400.

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