

was large and commodious, and they evinced, while together, the most becoming and pleasing attention to the solemn exercise in which they were engaged. They collected from Eldon, on the east, and Moma, on the north of Thorah. As most of them were Scotch Highlanders, two discourses were preached—the one in English and the other in Gaelic. On the next day I attended to the appointment made in Eldon, where I also met with a numerous and attentive audience. Here, too, the services were conducted, as at Beaverton, in both languages, and for the same reason. Before the services were closed, five or six children were baptized of such as were in fellowship with the Church. From Eldon I went on the next day to the southern extremity of Thorah, and preached at Mr. Cameron's to a considerable number of people who listened to the word of life with much attention and devotion. There also the services were conducted in English and Gaelic. This settlement being near the township of Brock, there were present some families who reside there. Here, too, some children were baptized. The parts of Thorah and Eldon which the writer visited, are well settled, and the settlers, few excepted, are in connexion with the Church of Scotland. Since their settlement there, they have made several movements to secure a settled clergyman among them; but hitherto without success. More than once, many of them have been made the dupes of designing men, that came among them, pretending that they were ministers in regular standing with their Church. The last of them was a Mr. Alexander Campbell, formerly minister of the Parliamentary Church, Portmahaven, Islay, Scotland; but who was deposed, in 1831, from the office of the ministry, for immoral conduct.—Soon after, or about the time of his deposition, he came to this country, and settled in Eldon. At that time the people there and in Thorah, being ignorant of the circumstance of his deposition, and anxious to have a minister of their own Church, the most of them gave him all the encouragement they could

to retain among them; though some—having heard rumors prejudicial to his character, and suspecting that all was not right—acted with caution, giving him little or no encouragement. For the most of the time he has been among them, they have been divided into two parties—the greater for, and the less against him. With a view to undeceive the former of these, as to his real character, and if possible to cement the division that had been created among them, the Presbytery of Toronto last year, sent a deputation of their number thither, to furnish them with the requisite documents attesting his deposition, and to dissuade them from encouraging him any longer.—Much good resulted from the visit of that deputation. Most of the people, since then, have admitted they were deceived, and are now, with few exceptions, giving him no encouragement. It is pleasing to know, that, when the writer was there, they were not only anxious, but making considerable efforts to have a minister settled among them. They had cheerfully entered into a subscription for raising funds for erecting churches, and supporting a clergyman. They were about sending to Scotland to request that one might be sent to them. Their unanimous co-operation, in these measures, was greatly owing to the unostentatious, but vigorous efforts of Major Cameron, late of the 79th regiment, and now one of the settlers of Thorah.—Not being in the place when the people divided about Mr. Campbell, and being a gentleman of high character and reputation among them, he was the more fit to promote their co-operation. Thus he was the means of accomplishing in drawing up the petition, above referred to, and in going, unsolicited, from house to house to obtain their signatures. In procuring their signatures, he succeeded to the extent he expected: and it is pleasing to know, that, in return for his anxiety and zeal for their interest, the inhabitants feel and acknowledge their gratitude; as should all that love the peace and prosperity of our Zion.

On the 11th I left Thorah, retracing my steps to W. Gailanburg, where I