

when many interesting addresses were delivered. A native, a Christian Fingoo spoke as follows:—

"To day this is a beautiful thing. You Caffres are lucky men! On the year in which I came to this land, the fathers of these young men (young missionaries present) were also young men. To-day we receive the blessing from their sons. I came not to speak, I came to listen to you, the Gaikas. The debt is nothing. To-day there is rejoicing. Among our tribe, what tribe has got a house like this! It is said we are *baboons*,—can baboons erect a house!

'A word to you, Gaikas; you have still a chief (Sandilli present). He is going away to ruin through drink. Brandy is a murderer. Up to the rescue! I am not speaking disrespectfully. To the rescue, by prayers and warnings! Here is the blessing in this house for him, Up, then, to the rescue; nothing can resist us if we be united. See, this day the power of the word of God. It hath made the white man our friend, he has brought us the blessing.

'The word also has made the teacher of this place what he is. His mother once said to me, while he was a little boy, 'I do not know what I am to do with this child; when we kneel down to pray, he takes the prayer from my mouth and offers it up himself.' I said to her, 'Let him pray, that is your instructor.' Now look at him this day. There he is praying, praying with us, and praying for us. Great is the work of the word of God. I remember well the day when there were only three Caffre Christians in this country. Here we are this day, a great multitude. I give £2, with these two calves (two shillings)."

Proceedings of Presbyteries, &c.

PRESBYTERY OF ONTARIO.

The above Presbytery met at Oshawa on Tuesday, the 3rd of March, when nine ministers and six elders were present. Dr Thornton was present along with his brethren, and announced personally that he withdrew the resignation of his pastoral charge as previously tendered, and meant forthwith to resume his ministerial labours. With this the Presbytery were highly gratified, and minuted their acquiescence.

It was next reported by the Clerk, that he had received an extract minute of the Presbytery of Coburg, to the effect that the Rev. Wm McAllester, having joined the communion of the Congregational body, the said Presbytery had declared him no longer a minister of our church.

A call was laid on the table from the Gould Street congregation of Toronto to Mr. King of Columbus. The call and accompanying papers having been read, and after Mr. Hill, commissioner from the congregation, had briefly addressed the court, it was agreed that Dr. Thornton should preach to the people in Columbus and Brooklin on Sabbath first, and summon them to appear through commissioner, for their interest at next meeting of Presbytery—the said meeting to be held at Prince Albert on Tuesday, the 14th. of April.

There was read a memorial from the town of Lindsay, signed by 44 members and adherents of our body, praying the Presbytery to grant them supply of sermon. In support of the memorial, Mr. John D. Wallace, as commissioned by the petitioners, spoke briefly, and so did Messrs Smith and King, who had recently preached at Lindsay, as instructed by the Presbytery. The prayer of the memorial was cordially acceded to, as far at least as the means of supply may be got: and Mr. Riddel was appointed to supply in part on the last Sabbath of the current month.

Considerable time was spent in disposing of answers drafted by a committee, to Reasons of Protest and Appeal to the Synod, handed in previously by Mr. Sharp. It is enough to say that Mr. Sharp has protested and appealed on three several points; he has condemned the holding of a *pro re nata* meeting, he has condemned the action taken at that meeting; and he has condemned finding of the Presbytery in reference to Sessional powers recommended by the Synod's Commission to be given to the dissentients at Ashburn. The reasons of protest were somewhat numerous; and equally so were the Presbyteries' answers.