

In the morning, the people assembled by the order of Moshesh. The natives came from different villages to hear the word of life. The assembly was numerous and attentive. Moshesh arose first and spoke from a natural platform. Some extracts from his discourse will be read with interest.

‘I have come with my hand that you may fill it with grain. I have no more seed; but you can procure some for me. May it be fruitful, that it may fertilize the country anew. Although you should give me but a handful, you ought to remember that all the grain has come from a single ear. I have come with my missionary. He is a man who has traversed the sea on a tree (vessel) for your sakes. I have come to ask for seed; but he has brought seed with him. He has come with his harrow, which is his mouth to sow the seed in your hearts. When you are required to sow a field for the chief, it is your custom for all to get together, and the field is sown in one day. You ought to do the same thing to-day; and I am sorry that so few of you are here. You are our brethren. We, the masters of the country, have prepared for you the feast of Cannibalism. The ear comes from God, and he has created the eye. He has seen, he has heard. He will say to us, *Lords of the country, it is you who are Cannibals; for can men eat stones?* It is true that you have eaten my father; but I had first eaten your father.* Let all be forgotten. The word of God tells us that when we are struck, we ought not to strike back. You have heard of the progress which the gospel has made in my village; you know that my sons, Molapo and Mashnupa, have received it. Makoniane—he who has always been the arm with which I have defended myself against my enemies—has also received the gospel. How far are they converted? That is what I do not know; I am not a competent judge. But I listen to the gospel, and you ought also to listen to it. I am the door that shuts behind you. So long as I am alive, be of good courage; but when I am dead, account yourselves undone. Throw yourselves down your mountains the day that you hear that I am dead. It is the gospel which is the source of the prosperity and the peace which you enjoy; and I am perfectly convinced that every nation which does not enjoy the instructions of religion, is undone.’”

So many of our young friends having been delighted with the “Reasons why Children should fly to Christ without delay,” given in our January, February, and March numbers, that we

*The ancestors of Moshesh had stripped the ancestors of those whom he was addressing of all their property, and had, therefore, obliged them to live on human flesh. This was all that Moshesh meant by the expression, ‘I had first eaten your father.’ But on the other hand, the grandfather of Moshesh was actually killed and eaten by cannibals.