

since his death, the people feeling themselves at liberty to act as they like, are, I am sorry to say, reviving the heathen practices which he endeavoured to suppress. Those who are doing so, are they who have never been brought personally under the influence of the truth, and who form the great bulk of the farm population.

*Execution of two Criminals.*—Monday, 5th Sept.—To-day a large number of armed people came from the plantations into town, to sit in judgment on two men whom they had in chains. One of the prisoners is said to have shot a man, at Isong Inyang, with intent to kill him; though he has recovered of his wound; and the other is accused of poisoning four individuals. The armed crowd condemned both to death, and led them out to immediate execution in the market-place behind Ingwang Esa, where they were hanged; this mode of death, being that inflicted on freemen, though both were slaves, it being considered dishonouring to mutilate the body. Mr Timson, anxious to see how they went about their awful work, went out to watch their proceedings.—The poor wretches, he said, climbed up the tree themselves as coolly as if it had been to them a matter of indifference, put their heads into the noose and threw themselves off. The first who went up fell to the ground, the noose having slipped, and Mr Timson interceded for him, as he was the less guilty of the two, and had already suffered the bitterness of death. But his plea was not granted; and there was such a confusion—laughing, talking, shouting—around the foot of the tree, that he could be heard only by few. The poor wretch again climbed the tree quite coolly, and again suspended himself. When the one accused of poisoning threw himself off the fatal drop, the people beneath seized his feet, and lifting the body a little, jerked it down. This they did several times, no doubt to aggravate his sufferings. The people of each party dispersed so soon as they saw that their victim was dead.

The one who was accused of shooting the man, with intent to murder, lay a prisoner in the town for a fortnight or so; and King Eyo told me of his case. He was a headman on the farm, and another headman a great friend of his, falling sick, an Abiaidiong, who was consulted, declared that some one on

the farm was causing his sickness, whereupon this individual, fearing that he might be singled out for accusation, took his gun and went out to the bush, where he lay in wait for a victim. It was a slave of the sick man's whom he shot; but I suppose it would not matter who first came within his aim. I visited him, and endeavored to give him a few words of instruction; but as he said he did not understand me well, I desired Ukpabio to visit him, which he did regularly, with what result I do not know. When I saw him, he seemed quite unconcerned whether he lived or died.

*Baptism of two Female Converts.*—Monday, 26th.—Usual meetings yesterday. The afternoon was occupied by a baptismal service, in which the infant daughter of Ukpabio was received into the church, and two adult females named Inyang Esien and Inyang Akpa. The former is a woman advanced in life, and the latter a young woman, wife of one of our members. May the Lord keep them steadfast in the new life which they have thus openly entered.

*A Marriage.*—Saturday, 1st October.—United in marriage two people belonging to the town. Both husband and wife have become regular attendants on the means of grace, and, I hope, will ere long unite themselves with the Church.

#### NORTHERN INDIA.

*Bewar in Rajpootana.*—It is with much thankfulness to God that we have to intimate that our two pioneer missionaries, Rev Messrs Shoolbred and Steele, reached Bombay, in good health, about the beginning of November, and were very cordially welcomed by the Christian friends who were expecting their arrival. The Rev. Dr. Wilson of the Free Church, who takes a warm interest in our mission to Rajpootana, kindly invited them to his house, showed them every attention, and greatly aided them in their preparations for their long inland journey. They intended to start on the 17th November, and they were to be accompanied by Dr. and Mrs. Wilson, two colporteurs from the Bible Society, and two native converts, able to address the people. The company of Dr and Mrs Wilson will be of inestimable advantage to them; as Dr Wilson,