

baptism, two young men who have been in the list of candidates for two years. They are Ekpenyong Itubiro and Okun Nyanese. The latter has given the fullest satisfaction all the time, but his youth seemed to require a longer probation. He is about sixteen years of age—a very serious lad—reads his Bible, and has done pretty well in other school departments. He is a personal attendant on King Eyo. The former was married last year, regularly in Church. Since his period of probation commenced, he has offended only once, and immediately confessed and amended his fault. He is a steward in the King's house. They are both much trusted. The latter has never been at school, yet is learning to read, and his young wife is getting on too.

"Of their own accord they perviously informed the King of their purpose, who replied, that the one was old enough to know what he was doing, and to answer for himself; but the other was too young. This sent the lad back to us to tell us the King's objection, and he seemed disheartened. But in this matter I deemed myself the fittest judge, and making sure that the lad's mind was unchanged, I told him to persevere, and I would speak to the King about it. So, after forenoon service to-day, I alluded to the subject to the King, and told him the grounds on which I deemed the lad a fit subject for baptism, notwithstanding his youth, and that I did not feel warranted to delay any longer in acknowledging him as one of the Lord's people. He made no reply, and of course no further objection, which is well, as the youth is always at his hand.

"Mr. Baillie spent this Sabbath with us, and seemed much affected and delighted by the sight of these two serious young men, consenting themselves to the Lord, before all people. Truly I bless God for his grace bestowed on them, and I entreat the prayers of God's people on their behalf, that they be upheld and preserved through grace to salvation.

"I have much hope of being able to receive by baptism the two women of whom I have sometimes before written. O that the Lord may prepare them for himself."

VISIT OF THE REV. MR. BAILLIE TO CREEK TOWN.

In describing a visit which he paid to Creek Town, Mr. Baillie speaks with deep interest of the baptism of these two converts, which he was privileged to witness. He says, "I spent a Sabbath at Creek Town, a few weeks ago. From the influence which King Eyo has over his people, the Sabbath is kept remarkably well there; as well outwardly, at least, as ever I saw it in Scotland. The Church in the forenoon was filled, and a few were standing outside; King Eyo sat listening, with his spectacles on and his book before him, like some decent Scotch elder. In the middle of the day I went away to a little village about two or three miles out in the plantation. The people gathered together, and I stood under the shade of a spreading palm, and endeavoured, by the aid of an interpreter, to point them to the Great Physician. In the afternoon, Mr. Waddell baptized two young men. It was the first baptism I had seen in Africa. I looked on with thrilling interest, and felt very much comforted and refreshed, by seeing such tokens of Ethiopia stretching out her hands unto God. I afterwards addressed the two young men and the congregation."

THE SCHOOL AT CREEK TOWN.

Mr. John Wylie, whose health had suffered, took a trip in the steamer to Sierra Leone, leaving on 23d June and returning on 26th July, and was much improved by the voyage. He says:—

"September 20, 1856.—It is a great pleasure to me, that, through God's goodness, I have been enabled to take my classes again, both because I like the work, and because I have much encouragement to proceed in it.

"Shortly after I came back, several of the young men of Creek Town came to me, and asked me to begin a grammar class; and, after having received promises of regular attendance, I agreed that they should come twice a week, after the dismissal of forenoon school, and since then they have been tolerably regular. I use Douglas' English Grammar, till Mr. Goldie's Efik one is printed.

"There has been also a good many adults coming to the school; and I am convinced that their only object in coming, is their desire to be able to read the Word