

Last week, a party of about forty Caffres came towards this place, on their way to service in another part of the country. One individual, known as a bitter enemy to the Caffres, saw them sitting near some mimosa trees—lank and emaciated—striving to quell the pangs of hunger by eating pieces of bark. "This is too much," said he; "I can stand this no longer—what can be done for these poor people?"

It seems that the generous sympathies of this place are all being called forth in behalf of the perishing Caffres and subscriptions are about to be made in their behalf—no doubt they will be liberal.

Such, then, is the state into which the people have brought themselves by their belief in a lie. How trying for the missionaries to enter amidst such circumstances. Light arises out of darkness. I saw a letter addressed to a Wesleyan minister here, in which the chief Creli expresses his full conviction, that he has no confidence in the prophet, and beseeches that his people be not cast away, but that a missionary may be sent to occupy the station at Butterworth, in this country, which was destroyed during last war.—*U. P. Missionary Record.*

Eccliaistical Notices.

COLUMBUS—ORDINATION.

The U. P. Presbytery of Durham met at Columbus on the 27th October, for the purpose of ordaining Mr. John M. King, A.M., Probationer, to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Columbus and Brooklyn. Rev. A. C. Stewart preached, and Rev. R. H. Thornton put the questions in the Formula for the ordination of ministers, and offered up the ordination prayer, and addressed the young minister, and Rev. R. Monteath addressed the people. The congregation was large and attentive to the solemn and deeply interesting services. In the evening a public meeting was held in the church, which was crowded to excess, when a number of able addresses were delivered by ministers of various denominations. The Rev. Mr. Thornton occupied the chair, and gave a most interesting account of the rise and progress of the congregation. It was under his efficient labours that the church originated and grew to its present state of numerical strength and easy self-sustentation. The Rev. Mr. Ormiston, who in his early years was a member of the church, gave a superior and singularly effective address on the influence for good of pious mothers, which will not soon be forgotten by those who heard it. The settlement is one of great promise of future comfort to Mr. King, their excellent young minister, and of spiritual prosperity to the people.—*Communicated.*

SOUTHAMPTON.—A NEW U. P. CONGREGATION.

Southampton—the more pretentious, but less poetical name that Saugeen has lately taken to itself, is a village on the shore of Lake Huron, at the point where the River Saugeen, from which the village took its original name, falls into that inland sea of fresh water. The town plot is intersected, indeed, by the river, and its great extent gives to the place a very scattered and straggling appearance—the appearance rather of several independent hamlets, than of a single or compact village. It is, however, a thriving and a healthy place, albeit acknowledged by its denizens themselves, to be very cold in winter, especially in a North-West wind when the whole swell from the opposite shore of the Lake breaks upon its sands.

I enjoyed very much my visit to it, which happened on this wise:—In the month of September, a petition signed by about 30 of the inhabitants who had been connected with the U. P. Church, either as members or adherents, was laid on the table of the Presbytery of Grey, requesting a supply of sermon with the view of being formed, at as early a period as possible, into a regular congregation. The petition was very favorably received, and I was appointed to preach in Southampton, and empowered, if I should see cause, to form the petitioners into a congregation in connexion with the U. P. Church.

The day appointed for this was the first Sabbath in October. Arriving on the Friday evening, I spent the Saturday in conferring with some of the leading petitioners, whom I found to be intelligent men, warmly attached to our church, and