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THE following extracts from a letter of the Rev. H. M. Waddell convey the gratifying intelligence that he has baptised Eshen Eyo, the younger son of King Eyo, and Egbo Jack :

"In my last I mentioned the baptism of Eyo HOGAN or rather Eyo Okan Nyamse, a young man of about 28 years of age, known and approved by us all ever since the mission work began in Creek Town by Mr. Jameson. I am now happy to inform you, that since then I have received into the church, by baptism, ESHEN EYO HONESTY, younger brother of Young Eyo, baptised in October last, and also EGBO JACK, who for almost seven years past was my faithful house boy. The latter, like the former, is free and of good family, and both about 17 or 18 years of age. Egbo Jack has long been one of the most advanced, if not indeed the first of our scholars, and is now helpful to me in the school. Before I went home, two years ago, he spoke to me of giving himself up to the Lord and being baptized. While others were thinking and speaking of it, he said he was quite willing to be the first to step forward. But while I commended and encouraged him to persevere, I felt bound to explain to him fully the nature of the service, the self-denial it would require, the separations it would effect, and the probable hostility it would incur. His youth, and inexperience in these and other respects, together with my being soon to leave Calabar, prevented me pressing the matter further at that time. I left him, when he had more fully considered the subject in all its bearings, to confer with M. Goldie about it. It would not have been difficult at that time to have brought forward him and others of our house and school-boys to join the church ; but I sired rather that they should be well prepared for such an important engagement than prematurely involved in it ; their Christian instruction and training going on all the while with unabated care. I was desirous, as a measure of Christian prudence, of having a certain number ready, when the time came, to receive baptism together, that they might at once form the nucleus of a native church, watch over and comfort each other in the way and work of the Lord, and support each other under the opposition or persecution that might arise. "Two are better than one, for if one falls the other can help him, but woe two him that is alone when he falls, for he hath not another to help him up. And if one prevail against him two shall withstand him ; and a threefold cord is not easily broken."

The other youth, *Eshen Eyo Honesty*, was drawn, I hope, by God's Spirit, to attach himself to the missionaries here from the very beginning. When I was only visiting this town in 1846, during the building of the school-house, he would meet me on the beach, take my hand like a little son, and walk with me wherever I went through the town. In like manner he clung to Mr. Jameson during his brief but valuable sojourn here in 1847, who, I have heard, asked him of the Lord. Afterwards he lived half a year in the house with me as a son before I went home in 1848. Evidences of youthful piety and zeal have all along appeared, and though a lad of tender feelings and diffidence, he has proved himself not wanting in moral courage. His progress in ordinary edu-