

of an improved breed, and with quantities of property of every description, all of which were to be shared out amongst the followers of the prophet, who were to be at the same time restored to youth and endowed with beauty. During the few days preceding the 18th February, the believers on the prophet slaughtered all their remaining cattle and live stock, and destroyed what means of subsistence they had left. They had previously re-thatched their huts in the most careful manner, that they might resist the expected hurricane, and shut themselves up in them, awaiting the events which it had been predicted would take place." One may imagine the intense anxiety with which these Caffres, sitting in their huts, would watch the progress of the sun, as it slowly proceeded along the heavens, and the feeling of despair which would seize their hearts, when they beheld it set calmly in the west. The result was, adds the Governor,—"The 19th of February found them disappointed, destitute, and in many places prepared to commit any outrage. So complete was the state of destitution to which the followers of the prophet had reduced themselves, that one of the greatest chiefs, who had formerly owned immense herds of cattle, had not a single head left; none of the greatest chiefs had preserved more than three or four; one of the leading chiefs has been obliged to work upon the roads; whilst in many parts, the country was covered throughout the day by crowds of women and children digging for wild roots, as the only means of subsistence left them. Bands of marauders soon collected together, and

began to attempt pillage indiscriminately, either upon Europeans or on their unbelieving countrymen. Many robberies were committed by armed parties, and some unfortunate persons were barbarously murdered. It was evident that the long anticipated crisis had at length come, and the Government at once took measures to provide employment within the colony, or upon public works, for all destitute persons who might apply for work—to make such arrangements as might prevent bands of marauders from passing into the colony—to render safe the principal high-roads in British Caffria—and to organize the unbelieving natives, who still preserved their cattle and property so that they might be able successfully to resist and put down their marauding countrymen."

"Wisely used," says the Governor, "the existing crisis may produce permanent advantages for the whole of South Africa. A restless nation, who for years has harassed the frontier, may now, to a great extent, be changed into useful labourers. Those who have hitherto destroyed the resources of the colony, whenever they appeared about to expand, may now be made the means of giving to those resources, by their industry, a greater development than they have ever hitherto attained. The influence of the chiefs for evil having, to a great extent, been swept away, there is now a greater hope than at any former period, that civilization and Christianity may be successfully introduced among the Caffre race." The Lord grant that this hope may be fully realized.

News of the Church.

The Presbytery of Pictou met at New Glasgow on the 17th inst. A letter was read from Mr George Roddie, intimating his acceptance conditionally of the call addressed to him by the congregation of West River. A petition from the congregation of Central Church, West River, was read, praying that a member of Presbytery be sent to moderate in a call to one to be their pastor. The commissioner stated that they were prepared to offer a salary of one hundred and fifty pounds, payable quarterly and in advance. The prayer of the petition was granted and Rev George Walker was appointed to moderate in said call on

Tuesday, 8th December. An interesting report of labors in Cape Breton by Rev James Watson was read and approved by the Presbytery. Next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held at Green Hill on Tuesday, 22nd December.

Notices, Acknowledgments, &c

With the present No. we conclude another volume of the *Register*, and we have just two things to request both of agents and subscribers.

First, that all arrears due will be forwarded as speedily as possible. These we regret to say amount to a considerable