

temporary church there, holding a confirmation during the second service. On the Monday, accompanied by the Rev. F. Fleming, B. A., his Lordship started for East London, where he held service and confirmation on the Tuesday, returning to King William's Town on Wednesday.

On Thursday the Bishop started in a mule wagon, accompanied by Rev. F. Fleming, and a mounted escort, for Fort Waterloo, arriving there by sun-down, when (by appointment) he found George Shepstone, Esq., Interpreter to the T'Zalambie Commissioner in waiting.

After a tent had been pitched on the site of the late military (but now ruinous) post, and some refreshment had been provided, his Lordship started on foot in the dark about 8 o'clock in the evening, accompanied by Mr. Fleming (bearing a blanket, some beads and knives,) and Mr. Shepstone, for the old Chief's Kraal, distant about half-a-mile from the encampment.

Umhala received the Bishop and his party in his hut, surrounded by his counsellors, sons, and wives, in all amounting to about forty or fifty souls.

The hut was a large and spacious Kafir one, built on a circle of poles, about 7 or 8 feet high, and in the centre was placed a fire of wood, affording the only light, and which, with the fumes of tobacco, filled the atmosphere with smoke, very disagreeable and trying to the sight for a time, but after a few moments becoming more bearable.

The Bishop sat near the door of the hut on the ground, on a skin, with Mr. Shepstone and Mr. Fleming on either hand. Umhala was opposite, in the middle. The Bishop opened the interview by asking Umhala (through Mr. Shepstone acting as interpreter) if he knew him, and where he had seen him. He replied, 'Yes, I know you, you are the "inkosi enkulu" (great chief) of the Christians, and I saw you with Smith at the great meeting at King William's Town.' The Bishop then informed him that he was come to see him, and converse with him about sending him a missionary or teacher to instruct him and his people in the ways of God. Umhala expressed at some length, and with warmth, his obligations for the visit, and thanked the Bishop for his offer of a teacher, saying, he would treat him very kindly when he came, and listen to him. The Bishop then informed him that he had brought him a present of a blanket, at which he seemed much pleased, received it from Mr. Fleming, and then rose, and shaking hands with the Bishop thanked him very warmly.

Christians may mock at the apparent cupidity and selfishness of the poor benighted Kafir, but morally neglected as he has been through life, and totally destitute of any instruction to show him the necessity of restraining and combating these evil fruits of a naturally depraved heart, still he can feel gratitude and practise hospitality.

The Bishop next asked Umhala, if the Archdeacon had not lately paid him a visit.—He replied, 'Yes, and he liked him very much,' adding: 'If you send me teachers for my people *he* must be one of them.' The Bishop explained to him that he could not spare the Archdeacon, as he was a chief among the Christians. 'Of that I am aware,' replied Umhala, 'but I am a chief among my people the T'Zalambies, and a chief ought to be taught by a chief. You the great chief, I know, cannot come to me, as you have to travel far, I hear, but *he* must come.' At some length, for nearly twenty minutes, the Bishop tried to explain to him that he could not spare the Archdeacon for Missionary work, but although the old Chief always assented to what the Bishop said, still he invariably returned to the old point, 'that he must have the Archdeacon as his teacher.' The Bishop asked him 'why he was so anxious for him in particular;' to which he replied, 'that he was a fine fellow—a chief—and ought to teach a chief.' His Lordship told him 'that a young man, the son of one of our greatest chiefs over the seas, had offered to come and be his teacher.' Umhala replied, 'he was very much obliged to him, he *might* come, and he would be glad to have him, but the Archdeacon must come too.'

The Bishop then in a few words explained to them what their Missionaries, when they arrived, would teach them.

They all listened, some most attentively. It was, indeed, a sight as uncommon as it was pleasing, to be a witness to a Christian Bishop preaching the Gospel of Christ to that dark old Chief and his swarthy family and court. May it be the first pledge to us of a great and glorious harvest; it may be still in embryo, but ere long to be reaped by the Church among this intelligent and interesting branch of our human family! The Bishop then proceeded to distribute, through Mr. Fleming, his Lordship's presents to the Chief's children and counsellors, &c., of beads and knives, and he himself partook of some curded milk produced for his refreshment. The Bishop took much interest and notice of the little children, as one by one they were presented to receive their string of beads—Umhala enumerating his family all the while, as making a total of eight wives and twenty-six children. After a lengthened interview, reaching to nearly eleven o'clock at night, the Bishop took his leave and returned to the encampment. The next morning, while at breakfast, the chief appeared, attended by his eight wives, and reminded the Bishop, that he had forgotten to give presents to them the night before. His Lordship then promised each of them a handkerchief, which seemed to please them much, and after giving them some breakfast, the encampment was struck, and taking leave of the old chief, (who, at parting, presented the Bishop with his assagai, as a token that there was peace between them,) the party left Fort Waterloo for King William's Town, arriving there about three o'clock in the afternoon, much gratified with so hopeful a promise for the first foundation of a Church Mission amongst the heathen people of this once powerful and formidable Chief."

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The Lord Bishop of Victoria, in a letter dated Hong Kong, Aug. 16, 1850, stated that he had drawn on the Treasurers a bill for £500, towards the expenses of building St. Paul's College, Victoria, as it was intended to begin building in September.

A letter was read from the Lord Bishop of Rupert's Land, dated the Red River, Rupert's Land, August 7th, 1850. The following are extracts:—

"I have to acknowledge your letter of May 4th, and to thank the Society for the grant of books, which I doubt not will come duly to hand on the arrival of the boats from York Fort next month. The Society's letter was the most rapid which has yet reached me; the London post mark upon it was May 28th, and I received it on the 29th of July. I have just returned from the Saskatchewan river, where I had the great pleasure of consecrating and confirming in a purely Indian congregation. The church, Christ Church, was built by the Church Missionary Society at their station at Cumberland. To assist in the completion of the church and school, I granted £100 out of the sum placed at my disposal.

"Christ Church is a very elegant church, built with every attention to ecclesiastical propriety. It has a spire, and is altogether an imposing object, in passing up or down the Saskatchewan river. This is the great thoroughfare, and all the boats to the Rocky Mountains on the Mackenzie River pass by it. I hope in this way it may be much blessed. The churchyard is nicely fenced off, and the school adjoins the burying ground. On July, 5th, the second day after the consecration, I held a Confirmation in Christ Church, when 110 appeared to renew the promises once made for them. As they were all Indians, I used the confirmation service in the Cree language; and as I examined and questioned them all previously, I can bear the strongest testimony to their knowledge of all the leading truths of the Gospel. It astonished me much to find them so far advanced in divine truth, and I have every reason to think that they carry their knowledge into practice, and begin to love private prayer, as well as the worship of God's house.

"On the following Sunday we met together, fifty-four in all