

has been several months in the harbour, engaged in an official survey of the Port and the various rivers which flow into it. He went up the river on Saturday last, and spent the Sabbath on the Mission Station. I was very sorry to have been from home. The Meeting was over when he returned on Monday, which was not until the evening. But it was very gratifying to me, and must be equally so to you, to hear the unqualified testimony which he and his officers bore to the good conduct and improved manners of the natives throughout this district; which testimony he says he has felt it his duty to communicate to the Admiralty.

“H. Atkins, Esq., who attended the Meeting, and contributed £2, is a gentleman who is engaged in extensive timber transactions in this river. He said to me, “Mr. Buller, I feel it due, as a matter of gratitude, to make a small acknowledgment at this Meeting for the benefits which I have indirectly received from your labours. I had some transactions with the natives of this part ten or eleven years ago, when they were in a very different condition from that in which we now find them. Altogether, since I have had my establishment here, about fifteen months, I have found the natives in my trading transactions so honest, that I feel myself a debtor to the influence of Christianity upon their lives.” The same gentleman has offered to assist me with a donation of £10 towards the expense of the removal of our Station to Mount Wesley, it being in his neighbourhood.

“Altogether I had much reason to be satisfied with the Meeting; and any spectator would have been pleased to observe the very respectable and civilised appearance (all in European dress) which the whole assembly exhibited. The following are the Resolutions, with the substance of the several little speeches. After I had given out a hymn and prayed, I read a short abstract of our General Report for 1850—51, and then called upon the several speakers to the

1st Resolution.—“That our thanks are due to Almighty God for the measure of success which he has given to the labors of our missionaries throughout the world; according to St. Paul to the Corinthians, ‘God giveth the increase.’”

“John White Hikitanga said,—“My mind consents to the words of this little book (Resolution): for were it not for the Gospel and the labours of our Ministers in the Gospel we had not come here this day. It was our Father who ‘made of one blood all the nations of men.’ It is the same Father who hath raised up His churches, and given Ministers to His churches, and Missionaries to preach his Gospel to the world. May the Holy Spirit be fully given to us in these days which lie before us! Let us all think on the means we should use in order to become all that we ought to be, and what God would have us be.”

“Hemana Witi spoke as follows,—“This is my thought: I came to this place that I might bring my shilling and my heart with me to fulfil the purpose of my faith. Here is my shilling for the Committee, which I offer with my heart and understanding, to help them to send Missionaries to the Heathen, that they too may know the love of God, who gave His Son to die for the world.”

“Matthew Hau followed,—This is what I have to say: It is God’s work which makes my heart to love the things which are of God. I shall put my shilling on the plate, in order to aid in sending the Gospel to other places. I wish this to be always in my heart. I am looking at my heart, lest I should bring my shilling only to this place, and I myself be wanting. Let us feel as in the presence of God! Let us all remember the words which Mr. Buller spoke to us yesterday.”

2nd Resolution.—“That we shall pray to God for His Holy Spirit to be shed upon all His churches, that the