

disadvantage; but it is a disadvantage which must be encountered whenever we go out of Duke and Creek Town. As it cannot be avoided, we must therefore take the best means of meeting it which experience may point out.

Removal to Ikunetu.—On the last Sabbath of June we observed the Lord's Supper with the church at Creek Town, Mr Waddell anticipating his usual day to suit the convenience of our party. On Tuesday, the 1st of this month, we held our usual meeting of committee, and had the opportunity of welcoming our young brother, Mr Baillie, amongst us. I fondly trust he will long be spared a burning and a shining light in these dark regions. On Wednesday we embarked in the "Greenock," and with eight rowers, commenced the ascent of the river, which, at this season of the year, though it still feels the influence of the tide as far as Ikunetu, is, in these upper regions, always descending. In the dry season the tide flows beyond us. We made way pretty speedily, and accomplished our journey in a little more than four hours. The day was lowering, but a thunder shower, that passed over us, which, however, wet us a good deal, was the only rain we got. Miss Johnstone had once paid a visit to Ikunetu, when we were clearing the bush for our location, but Mrs Goidie had not seen the place, nor traversed this part of the river before, so that it was all new to her. I trust our home in the wilderness will be a dwelling place of the Most High.

The First Sabbath in Ikunetu.—On Sabbath, 6th July, we had a forenoon and afternoon meeting for divine service, in the yard of Afiong Enyang, the chief of the town. He is an elderly man, of mild and kind disposition. From fifty to sixty were present, children and adults; but though the audience was small, I believe all the people in the village were at the meeting, the greater part of the town's folks being still in the plantations. I began by teaching the children a few questions from our little catechism, as much for the sake of their seniors as for their own sake, all being yet equally ignorant of the elements of Christian truth. Having explained to them God's desire that we should sing to His praise, we joined in singing a few verses of a hymn, though the people could not unite with us, and, after prayer, addressed them from John iii. 16. After concluding with prayer, I said it would be well for us to

meet again in the afternoon, to which they assented. At four o'clock we went to Afiong's yard to meet them, but most of them had, in the meantime, gone out to the plantations, and our audience was a good deal smaller than it was in the morning. I observed the same order of procedure, and addressed from 1 Tim. ii. 5. During both services the people behaved with all propriety, and listened with much attention to the declarations of divine truth made to them. The singing seemed to amuse them a little, as they have no such thing among themselves; but as Afiong, and some others, have had an opportunity of being sometimes present in our meetings at Creek Town, they had witnessed our manner of conducting worship, and deported themselves accordingly. In the interval, Mrs Goidie and Miss Johnston had a meeting of the twin mothers at their little village, which lies between the mission house and the principal village.

Thus passed the first Sabbath at Ikunetu. May it be the beginning of a new, a better time to this poor people. It is a cause of much thankfulness that they all seem willing to hear the gospel; and, while ministering to them the word of truth, we must be earnest and persevering in our supplications that the Spirit of all grace may make His own truth effectual to turn them "from darkness to light, and from the service of Satan to God."

At the close of the afternoon's service, I intimated that school would be commenced on Monday. About thirty children and young men, more or less, have since been in attendance, and are wishful to learn. Miss Johnstone conducts the school in an unfinished room, under the house. I am very desirous of having a house erected in native style, which may, in the meantime, serve for both church and school, and I hope in a few months to succeed in having such a building. We shall then be able to conduct our operations with more efficiency.—*U. P. Record.*

DUKE TOWN.

ARRIVAL AND FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF THE REV. Z. BAILLIE.

We have received letters from the Rev Z. Baillie, dated 21st June and 22nd July, giving notices of what he saw on his arrival:—

Arrival at Calabar, 22d June.—The appearance of the country I like much