

catechist, addressed the spectators on the simple and yet impressive scene they had just witnessed. The attention was good throughout ; but it was specially encouraging to witness the eager and thoughtful attention manifested by some of the more advanced schoolboys, some of whom are still his classmates. In returning through the bazaar, the buniyas had assembled in groups to discuss the subject of the day—the baptism of one of their number.

Many appeared sullen, and did not attempt to suppress their disrespectful remarks. The most approved expressions of scorn seemed such as these: "There goes the one who has dishonoured his forefathers ;" "There goes the black-faced one ;" "Oh, he has become the padre's (minister's) faithful disciple now ;" but all this scorn he is bearing with far greater bravery than I could have expected. Till about a year ago, perhaps, the most marked features of his character were indolence and timidity. Under the influence of the heaven-implanted life of which he has become a partaker, a great improvement has taken place, and a blessed transformation is daily going on. He is now under the influence of a lofty ambition to do what he can in the service of his Saviour, and his whole nature is being roused to a noble activity, while his former timidity and fear of observation is giving place to patient endurance.

MISSIONS OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

OLD CALABAR.—We subjoin a few extracts from the journal of the Rev. W. Anderson, from which it will be seen that the good seed sown in the hard soil of Africa is not all lost.

Friday, March 10.—Our preparatory meeting held this evening. Mr. Edgerley preached. Three of our native young people were admitted by baptism to the fellowship of the church. All three are natives of Mburikum or that neighbourhood. Their names are Hannah Macauley, a young woman redeemed by John Macauley, himself an emancipado, who has lived, and also conducted herself with great propriety, on the Mission Hill for a considerable number of years. John Bassey Africa, still a slave, but who has been for a considerable time a domestic servant of Mrs. Sutherland. He has been much benefited, I trust blessed, by the instructions which he has shared in her house. Okum, whom I well remember as Mr. Young's snuff-box bearer sixteen years ago. He is half or quarter free on account of the death of several who once claimed him. I have good hope in regard to all three that they will cleave to him to whom they have devoted themselves this evening in the presence of his people.

Sabbath 12th.—Our communion. Mr. Goldie preached in the Town Church (native tongue) a.m., and to the English congregation p.m. Mr. Baillie delivered the closing address p.m. Another young friend from Glasgow was received into fellowship.

Saturday, April 1st.—Went to Creek Town to repay debt to Mr. Goldie. Preached in the school room in the evening.

Sabbath 2d.—Preached in the church a.m. The congregation greatly altered, in many points for the better, since I last preached at Creek Town. In the p.m. we observed the Lord's Supper. It was pleasant to see so many of the natives, somewhere between 'thirty and forty,' 'sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in their right mind,' professing their allegiance to him at his table. Mr. Robb dispensed, but Mr. G. and I took each a portion of the service.

Sabbath. 9th.—At Ikorofiong. Preached a.m. and evening in the church there ; accompanied Mr. Timson at mid-day to the Ibibio town, where the chief has erected a church for himself and people. Owing to the season the congregations were but small. This station is indeed a 'church in the wilderness.' What has already been done here reflects high credit on Mr. Baillie. Grea