

Missions.

WEST CENTRAL AFRICA.

Miss Clarke, writing from Bailundu, January 27, says:—"Last Sunday we had about 100 at native service. Many women who had often promised to come were there, to our great delight. Every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings Mrs. Webster and I go over to call on the village people. On Saturday we invite them to the Sunday services. Mrs. Stover, too, goes over whenever she feels able.

"I am still enjoying good health and the best of spirits—only one great wish, regarding myself, being ungratified, namely: that I were two women instead of one; this is likely to remain classed among those things unattainable.

"Can you imagine with what feelings of gladness I joined, for the first time, in the native communion service a few Sundays ago? The baptismal service preceding it was also intensely interesting. Then three, who long ago professed faith in Christ, took upon themselves covenant vows and received their new names. One of them was our house boy, Sakanjimba. His new name Arona (Aaron) is much more handy for daily use than the old one."

CISAMBA.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanders, for the sake of rest and change, have been spending a short time with Mr. Currie at Cisamba, where the work is progressing most hopefully. Mr. Currie writes:—

"At the service Christmas morning there was scarcely standing room in our little meeting-house; while our average Sunday morning congregation is just now about sixty. There are now twenty-six boys in my school, and nearly all seem eager to learn and are making good progress.

"The first Sunday of the New Year was made glad by two young men openly taking their stand upon the side of Christ."

FACTS FOR THE CHURCHES.

Until the present year the Foreign Missionary liabilities of our churches consisted of the expenses of Rev. Messrs. Currie and Lee.

This year we have added Miss Minnie A. Clarke, from Guelph, with all the special requirements for her outfit and travelling expenses.

On the field, Mr. Currie has had trying times, on account of wars and rumors of war all around our stations, which closed his school for a while. But happily all has blown over now, he recognizes a wonderful Providence in the uniform kindness which he has received from the natives and the

great weight his words have come to have with them. He now has a school of twenty-two boys, an increase of ten in three months, and he gets quite large audiences to hear Sunday preaching.

Mr. Lee has been obliged to take his turn in attending to the business station at Benguella on the coast, the mission agent there having been obliged to withdraw for a time. This is not a giving up of his work, for it is essential to our own station and we have always helped maintain it; and it is only for a little time till another man can be found for that place, by the American Board.

Miss Clarke arrived safely at Benguella, August 19th, and in Bailundu, October 11th, where she will remain for the present, studying the language and helping Mrs. Stover.

The expenses for the year will amount to about \$2,640. Towards this we began the year with a balance of \$679, which about meet the special expenses involved in Miss Clarke's outfit. Beyond that we can only say as to our expectations, that we received from the churches last year \$1,551. We have already received \$1,405.

Now there is only one month remaining, and there is \$556 still to be raised to close the year free from debt. We have had trouble enough with College and Home Missionary debts, and rather than begin the trouble with our Foreign work, it is far better to make a little extra effort now. Until this year our income has exceeded our output, and the churches have said they had more to give towards our Foreign work when it was needed. The time has come! The expenditures have caught up and run ahead of the income.

In order to meet the liabilities for this year we must have \$300 more than last year.

If your contribution was not a little larger this year there is still a chance to make it so. And let the Treasurer hear from every Sunday school and church, that has not yet contributed.

EDWARD M. HILL, *Secretary*
T. B. MACAULAY, *Treasurer*.

RABINOWICH AND HIS MISSION.

After a long and painful suspense, the Government permission to open the new hall was received on December 53, and on the following Saturday the first service was held in the new building. An inscription in golden letters, both in the Hebrew and Russian languages, adorns the portal, and is well calculated to arrest attention. It is in the words of Acts ii: 36: "Therefore let all Israel know assuredly that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ." Surely a most striking and significant fact that this word of Scripture should be