

MISSION FIELD.**IN THE HEART OF AFRICA.**

Mr. G. Wilmot Brooke, who has gone up the Congo river on an independent mission, sends home to England the following picture of Central Africa: "I am now at the furthest post on the Congo with a vast sea of heathenism around; amazingly shameless immorality, habitual lying, and the utmost ferocity now to be found on the globe, shut out the faintest hope that their conscience will excuse them in 'that day.'

"Away a hundred miles or so to the south a small island, so to speak, some four square miles, has had the Gospel preached for a testimony for a few months—I may almost say weeks. Away to the east nothing but the vast sea of towns and villages, towns and villages 'doing evil with both hands earnestly,' till over 1,000 miles away to the south-west we come to a little spot of light, where Arnot is working. Again the darkness is broken by some scattered points of light in the lake district, but 1,000 miles of utter darkness is between us and them.

"Then comes another brilliant spot, sending light round the world, the Christians of Uganda, but nearly 1,000 miles of almost fiendish ferocity is between us and them and then the last gleam of light ends.

"If I look northwest, nothing but 1,700 miles of utter darkness, the huts garnished with human skulls' human limbs boiling in cauldrons, man-hunting, and droves of wretched women and children in chains, and the desert strewn with human bones till we come to the Red Sea.

"Away to the north, the same, or rather worse—crowded villages, with the fiercest cannibals; large villages, with great walled towns, and crowded markets and schools, and all in darkness—away over

the Sahara, with its fierce robber tribes, 2,000 miles to the Mediterranean, but not a ray of light

"North-west, again the same, till, 2,200 miles away, we see the scattered points of light rapidly spreading from the North African mission, and then comes bright light from the Niger and the Cameroons, but from the latter we are separated by 500 miles of the very fiercest and most degraded cannibals.

"I wish the churches at home would pray over these facts. I think that some of them would have their eyes open to see new things."

SOUTH AMERICA.

The Aborigines of British Guiana are exhibiting a remarkable inclination towards Christianity. The Potaro Mission, opened in 1876 by the S. P. G., is headed by the Rev. F. L. Quick, who reports in the *Mission Field* a visit to the far interior. He left Ichoureh for Shenabawic, one and a half day's journey by boat above the Kaietur Falls, and baptized there twenty-eight in all. Then he set out again, travelling two days through the forest, and in 3 days reached a village where the Indians had reared a church of timber, in which they regularly themselves assembled to learn and recite the Creed, Lord's Prayer, and Decalogue, in Mr. Brett's Aca-waio translation: here he had nine baptisms. In another day he arrived at Congamuh, where he stayed a fortnight, baptizing 389 persons and celebrating thirty-three marriages, in a structure like that he had found at the former place. Mr. Quick presses on the Bishop of Guiana the immediate need of additional labourers, in response to the requests of deputations from several other Indian centres still more remote.

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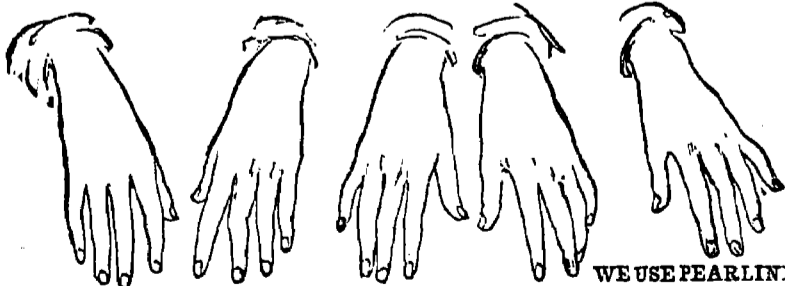
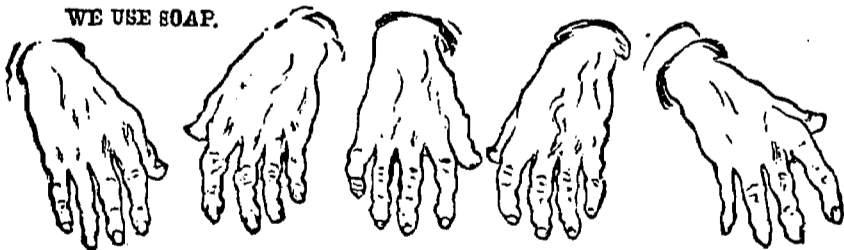
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