

the *Church Missionary Gleaner* concerning the great privilege of being a missionary in Africa, and the bright prospects in his own missionary diocese: "It was an African that rendered the needed service of bearing the cross of the world's Saviour to His crucifixion; may it not be that in the crowning day that is coming the very brightest jewels in the Redeemer's diadem will be found to be some of Africa's suffering sons? It was in Africa that the Holy Child Jesus, the Son of God, found a needed refuge from the massacre of innocents; may it not be that ere the King comes Africa's blood-bought children may find in the loving Father's unspeakable gift of His only-begotten One a recompense, a rest, a refuge for all their sorrows? It was in Africa that Arab and English, American and Portuguese, vied with each other in producing what Dr. Livingstone called the 'open sore of Africa,' and to-day the chief characteristic of that land of human woes is the familiar sight of innumerable heavy-laden burden-bearers—little children, feeble women, overworked men—sighing from morn to night for the Rest-giver, and the ushering in of the kingdom of righteousness and peace."

And now what do we hear? "The Bishop and Mrs. Hill at rest"—"the Rest-giver" came to usher them into "the kingdom of righteousness and peace"—they having given their lives to bring these blessings to those of whom the bishop wrote above.

A LETTER from Buganda, Eastern Equatorial Africa, contains the following:

"Work is going on here as it did before the Mohammedan party tried to make an insurrection, though a lot of people who were here before the fighting have gone to their gardens, and remained there. This enables those in the country to learn something from the better instructed. Most of those who are baptized can, at any rate, teach others to read, if they cannot do more; but most of those baptized recently are well able to teach also the elements of the Christian religion. The way they know their gospels is really wonderful. They can give chapter and verse of almost any text in the gospels at once. We have had already this year two hundred and sixty-four adult and sixty infant baptisms, and there are at present about 340 names on the list of those who have asked for baptism and are under instruction. We are most careful that every one baptized has been thoroughly instructed, and is, as far as we can find out, leading a consistent Christian life.

"The king seems to be very much changed from what he was. He is never intoxicated now, and he used seldom to be sober! He is a most earnest reader, and Mr. Roscoe goes to teach him three days in the week. He is always glad to see him and asks all sorts of questions, which show that he is following and

understanding, and has been reading in the intervals between his lessons. He has also given up smoking chang (hemp).

"May I ask your prayers for the king, for more workers here (we do need men), the work, and for myself?"

ATHABASCA is our domestic mission subject for prayer and reading during this month. That special effort is needed to add to these some material help all will acknowledge who read the following, just received from the Rev. Malcolm Scott, of Fort Vermillion: "The old mission house in which we lived until last June, and in which Mr. Warnick, our school teacher, since lived, was burnt to the ground in the middle of November. I need not enter into particulars of the fire, but no one could be blamed for the accident. It occurred one Sunday while we were in church, and we only arrived in time to get a few articles out. A store which was close to the house, in which many things were stored, was burned, and we could only get out a few bags of flour. The fierce gale which was blowing at the time carried the cinders on to our stacks of corn, and our entire crop of about 350 bushels of grain was destroyed. Many of our household effects and clothes had been left in the house when we came over here, as I had not time to secure them. Mrs. Scott has been the greater loser in this respect. The chief thing which she more immediately misses during the winter is the carpets, which were all burnt. The cold, hard floors are painful to her rheumatic and tender feet. The loss of the grain has been, in a sense, the most serious. It was our dependence for the year's bread. With imported flour at \$15, and native barley flour at \$7, it is no light matter to feed over a dozen children, besides ourselves. Our potato crop, too, has been very small, on account of the drought, which adds somewhat to our difficulties. It is to our God we commit ourselves. We are as children without care, but we are assured of the faithfulness of His word, that they who trust in Him shall want for nothing. I need hardly tell you that the things needed to clothe our Indian children, boys and girls, are the same all the world over. I know that the kind women of our Church in Canada would not long look on without helping, if they could see my wife, as I often have done, pushing her needle through with her elbow, or with the table, because her hands were too weak from rheumatism. All the girls are little ones and cannot do much needlework. Mr. Warnick (who as well as school teacher is my kind and helpful yokefellow) lost all his possessions by the fire, except his books and the clothes he had on. This comes rather hard on him, especially as a lady is coming out next July, when he expects to go to housekeeping. We had hoped to help him with some of our things,