

"GOOD MORNING ROUND THE WORLD."

- 10 With the African men, then, what is the word
That after the sunrise is frequently heard?
May you flourish away
Till your hair is all gray!
Is about what they say when they bid one good day.
- 12 "How find you yourself?" they in Germany go;
And "How do you fare?" the staid Dutch wish to know;
And "How do you stand?"
Comes from Italy's hand;
And "Be well!" they will tell you in Russia's fair land.
St. Nicholas.

FIELD STUDY FOR AUGUST.

AFRICA.

ENGLAND with all thy faults we love thee still." There is much solid character on which the love of her sons and daughters all round the globe is based. She is not at all perfect, but still wherever she has colonized the missionary has advantages he would not otherwise possess.

In Africa, Britain is the friend of the slave. The dhow, or slave-ship, has almost disappeared from the coast under the watchful eye of her cruisers. Throughout her territories route after route has been cleared of the bands that terrorized the country, trade has been established and the missionary given more scope for work.

Especially good success has attended the work of Commissioner Johnson round Lake Nyassa. Kawinga, one of fourteen chiefs captured within the last five years, has been a terror to the country since the days of Livingstone. Last fall over a thousand slaves were released by different raids, and not only given their freedom but means of getting their living in the future. It has needed great alertness to secure these successes, as the marauders fall back into the Portuguese territory close at hand.

In the last twenty-five years rapid and steady progress has been made in mission work. This is increasingly true. The last two years have been periods of marvelous growth. The number of native ministers is in the neighbourhood of 7,500. All missionary societies working in Africa recognize the economy of training their converts to enter the active work. And they have proved worthy of the trust. Indeed most of the work along the Niger is under the complete control of the natives. This is old mission ground and many districts deserve the name of Christian quite as much as any part of our Canada. Uganda, too, is called by some travellers a Christian state. Here are many large self-supporting churches.

Africa has been called "the missionaries' grave". This name may yet be applied to it. At most of the stations the death-rate is high, but not one-half what it was before 1870. Now there are few missions without medical men. A small proportion of these are regular missionaries, but most of them simply represent the civilization that the Gospel has brought in its train.

All over Central Africa it is the missionary that has followed the explorer, and by the power of the Gospel prepared these people for intercourse with the outside world. For instance, in the country of Bule, and this is only one among many, there was constant war between the villages, all the cruelty to prisoners common among cannibal tribes, death was the law for any strangers coming within their borders. Unarmed the missionaries went in. Many evils were given up. War almost ceased. Travellers could come and go at pleasure. Trade was established.

This, too, is an example of the work accomplished that is not shown by statistics. In this case the record is simply, "Inquirers II."

Much has been said of the evils of the liquor traffic in Africa. Though prohibited in some territories, at the request of the natives, there is more liquor sent to Africa every year. If not soon restricted, it bids fair to become as great a hindrance to the improvement of the people as the slave-trade has been.
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QUESTIONS FOR AUGUST.

- What has England done for her Colonies?
- How has she shown that she is the friend of the slave and of Africa?
- What can you tell of Commissioner Johnson's work?
- Last fall what was done?
- What danger threatened the work?
- What can you say of the last twenty-five years?
- How many native missionaries are there?
- What is the wisest, most economical way in mission work?
- What is said of Christian communities?
- What has Africa been called and why?
- How much and why has it improved in this respect?
- Will you tell us what the missionary has done in Central Africa?
- What in the country of Bule, for instance?
- Is there any record of this work?
- Is there any record anywhere?
- Is there any liquor traffic in Africa?
- In what respect do the natives in some territories show more sense than the people of civilized countries?
- What does the traffic bid fair to do if not restricted?

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
The precious things thou dost impart;
And wing my words, that they may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart.