

complete the repairs of Cape Palmas Seminary. They are large stone buildings, erected by our Missionary Society many years ago, but for years abandoned to the wastes of decay. We will this year (D.V.) rebuild the seminary at White Plains, twenty-three miles from Monrovia, up St. Paul's River—the old battleground of Ann Wilkins; also, repair our church in Cape Palmas, and build two mission houses for new missions in North Liberia. All this belongs properly to the old Liberia mission work of our Society, and they are furnishing the funds for the improvements named, except for the Cape Palmas Seminary.

We expect, by the will of God, to find the men and the money for passage, and have all these manned in this year 1890.

About a dozen houses for chapel and for school purposes, commenced in our Cavalla River and Kru Coast Missions last year, are to be completed this year. Further, the builders of our steamer on the Congo have gone on at the time appointed, and will (D.V.) construct and launch her during the coming summer.

In the principal object of our mission, THE SALVATION OF THE HEATHEN, the growing success, in so short a time, is truly wonderful. So the workers in Africa can spare me for a few months while I serve our cause in America.

Your fellow-worker for the Redemption of Africa.

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most shocking brutality, has been thrust into the desolations of widowhood.

How marvellous, we say, in our dimness of vision, that God would permit His faithful servant to be the victim of such cold-blooded barbarism! How incomprehensible that so useful a life should be so cruelly cut short. Truly, we are shocked, we are stunned, and we say, How mysterious! Poor, weak, human reason and intellect, how helpless are ye in the presence of like problems in human experience! Only when faith in God illumines the soul, may we reach a conception of the great truths, "He doeth all things well;" "All things work together for good to them that love God;" and this faith is sublime. In the darkness of bereavement, in the deep gloom with which sorrow envelops the spirit, this faith hears the gentle chiding, "Be still, and know that I am God." Beloved sister and friend, fain would we comfort you; but vain are words. Our cry is unto God, who only hath true consolation. "He will sustain thee." From the little room in the Tokyo school to the glorious mansions of eternal bliss! From the side of wife and child to the side of the blessed Jesus! Swift and triumphant transition!

A MOST heart-rending calamity, the burning of the Longue Pointe Insane Asylum in Montreal, has, temporarily, at any rate, called public attention to a condition of things which should no longer be permitted to exist in the Canada we love to call free, viz., charitable or reformatory institutions built and maintained by the Government and handed over to the control of any sect or denomination of religionists. The idea of helpless victims of insanity, to the number of 1,700, being properly cared for in a Roman Catholic convent managed by nuns, is so preposterous as to cause the wonder that it ever was tolerated. One cannot repress a shudder at the thought of poor human beings incarcerated in one of those convents, and in the case in point, we have no doubt the fire was a most merciful deliverer. One thing should be absolutely demanded by the people of Canada, in the interest of our common humanity, *i.e.*, the regular Government inspection of all Roman Catholic institutions, whether cloistered or not. Protestant Canada should silence forever the pretension that the Roman Catholic Church is superior to the State. The Government should be supreme; and every citizen of Canada, though he or she be an inmate of a Roman Catholic cloistered convent, should be protected by the Government. Alas, for the weak and defenceless in the cloistered convents of Canada! Far better for them if they were under the sod, than prisoned in our free country, the forced victims of mediæval ignorance and superstition. The question we raise is not one of religion, as such; it is a question of Government protection for the subjects of the

"Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; let Thy glory be above all the earth."—Ps. lvii. 5.

IN meeting this month with the members of the Woman's Missionary Society and the readers of the OUTLOOK, we feel that a common sorrow fills all our hearts. Our beloved sister, and most valued Principal in Tokyo, Mrs. E. Spencer Large, sits in the shadow of grief and woe, and every member sorrows with her. All our readers have heard ere this of the terrible tragedy enacted in our school at Tokyo, where the Rev. T. A. Large was slain by robbers. In the field of toil for the Master, far from home and friends, our faithful worker has been stricken, and, by the