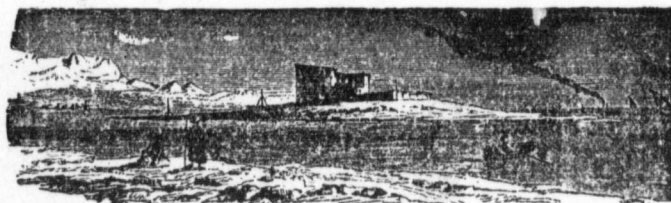


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ARRIVAL OF THE WHITE SISTERS AT TORO.

Letter from Fr. Beauchamp to his sister.

We have received during this month 4 precious auxiliaries, I mean the White Sisters. Oh! why were you not here to rejoice at the triumph made to them by the population? They had been expected for a long time. The buildings were being elevated since several months, but too slowly to the liking of our Christians and Catechumens. They pressed us every day with a multitude of questions. Will they come numerous? Will they come from Europe? When will they come? As for me, said a little girl of 8, I will go to meet them as far as Muhumbu, a village situated at an hour and a half from here. I shall go to Butiti, said another, that is to say a walk of nine hours; and she was as good as her word, dragging along with her a crowd of young girls.

At last the day so long wished for arrived. It was a Saturday morning, 23rd of September. As early as 7 in the morning, the roads were crowded with Neophytes, Pagans and Protestants. Others had started the day before and had gone to pass the night on the way. These were the first to meet the Sisters. It was for them a great joy, the Nuns told us later. They came back with them, preceding the bearers.