

MISSION FIELD.

A RECENT LETTER OF BISHOP PARKER'S.

The following is an extract from a letter which was received from Bishop Henry Perrott Parker early last month, when the hand that penned them was already lying cold in death:—

“Wasambiro, near Victoria Nyanza, January 25, 1888.

“My Dear W.,—This is the first mail at the commencement of the new year, and as I should be very sorry if our old agreement about annual letters should fall through, I want it to take a letter to you. As I write, my thoughts at once go back to your breakfast table. I see still the thoughtful, peaceful expression on Mrs. W.'s face. I see all those darling little sunbeams, and hear them repeating their texts. The last notes of the hymn at family prayers do not seem to have died away, nor the remembrance of that portion of Scripture first read and briefly commented upon, and then turned into prayer. My dear W., if you want to realise more fully the privilege of having a Christian home you should live for a time in heathen Africa. A Christian home is one of God's best gifts to men. To millions of Africans the word ‘home’ has no meaning. ‘A father's love,’ and ‘a mother's care,’ ‘brotherly kindness,’ these are things the majority of Africans know nothing what-ever about. Even their word, which is the nearest equivalent to our verb ‘to love,’ contains in it so much of the idea of self-will that it falls so far, short of our idea of the love of God, and of the love which true Christians bear the one towards the other. The more I think of the many centuries during which thick darkness has brooded over the people of this land the more I pity them, and wonder that they are not worse even than they are.

In writing to you this annual letter it is natural for me to look back upon what has happened since I landed at Frere Town, a little more than a year ago. I have been surveying the ruins, as Nehemiah did when he arrived at Jerusalem, and took his solitary ride over the heaps of rubbish and beside the broken-down walls. Ezra had arrived before him and something had been done, but very little. He saw that the desolation was so great that a superhuman task lay before him. He saw the necessity of calling in the aid of the whole Jewish nation, so far as they could be induced to help, and even then he and they would have despaired but for the assurance that ‘the God of Heaven He will prosper us, therefore we His servants will arise and build.

In the first place I found the state of the people of Africa distinctly worse than that of the people of India. They are more degraded, more brutish. The difficulties in reaching them are greater in many respects; the people are so scattered over vast areas

where there are scarcely any means of locomotion except one's own legs. There is such insecurity to life and property. The people are so superstitious, and so carnally minded and ignorant, it is difficult to find any elements of truth already held by them whereon to build higher truths. We find here human nature in such a state of ruin that a godly man cannot contemplate it without having his compassion aroused and his spirit stirred with a desire that the resurrection power of Christ may be brought to bear upon these fallen nations as the only all-sufficient power to lift them up.”

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SCHOFIELD.—At St. John, N.B., on the 21st May, Maria, beloved wife of Rev. Geo. Schofield, Rec. of Simonds, and Rural Dean of St. John. 62

JAFFEY.—On Thursday, May 24th, in the 60th year of her age, Lucretia Margaret, wife of the Rev. Wm. Jaffrey, Rector of St. Mary's, N.B. 62

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