

can only name three or four things of chief importance in closing. Pay special attention to the young; I might almost say, do your very best work among them. "Despise not one of these little ones" "Feed my lambs." These are the injunctions of the Master himself. And by "little ones" I think he means the children—as young as they were brought to him in the mothers' arms. Encourage mothers to bring them to church, and pray for grace to enable you to bear it, even if they should cry or make a little noise. It is the only way in which many mothers can get to the house of God at all. But whether or no, care for the very little ones, as well as the young men and maidens, for not only will you thus win the hearts of the fathers and mothers, but you reach them then in their most impressible condition; and remember that if a child is old enough to sin it needs forgiveness, and is old enough to believe in Jesus. Lead them, as far as you can lead them, to him. Make it your practice always to be at the Sabbath School, even if you don't teach a class. I think a third service, which I know many of our ministers have to take, is a very costly one if it deprived the Sabbath School of the presence of the pastor. Care for the sick and suffering. Those in health can do, and will be willing to do, with less visiting if they know the sick are cared for. Affliction and suffering will open many an ear before unopened, and give you an opportunity of speaking a word in season, which you perhaps could never otherwise get. Yet I am sure I need not remind you that no part of your pastoral work will require more of divine wisdom and tenderness than this. "Ask and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full." Another thing,—don't make the mistake of staying too long with the sick; yet, however much in a hurry, never show it. Quiet, tenderness, common sense, are essential in the sick room. Be careful of the feelings of the poor. The Lord Jesus preached the gospel to the poor, went much among them, was indeed of them. If any of you are ever charged with going more among them than among the rich, or well-to-do, as a minister with whom I am acquainted once was, don't be too much moved by it. They are often unduly sensitive, I know, and sometimes seem on the look-out for slights: but that very characteristic generally makes them more appreciative of the attention shown them, and of the efforts put forth to do them good. It is among the poor that the gospel of Christ has won its chief success: and it is from the ranks of the humbler classes it has obtained, and still obtains, the great majority of its ministers and missionaries. Yet, for these very reasons you must not neglect the richer members of your congregations: the more difficult they are to reach, the greater should be your anxiety to reach them.

And now, dear brethren, "suffer the word of exhortation." My heart has been very full as I have penned this brief address. It but very imperfectly outlines what I have desired to say to you, or expresses the feelings which I entertain towards you. I have not forgotten the "weakness, and fear, and much trembling," with which I went forth to my first summer's work, I doubt not that you go with very similar feelings. Yet if you preach Christ's gospel, as Paul preached it—"determined to know nothing among men but Jesus Christ crucified,"—the dear old gospel, and not the modern refinement upon it, and if you preach it in the spirit of love and trust in which Paul preached it, you will not preach it in vain. Be in earnest, be hopeful, be prayerful. Let your aim in all things be to glorify Christ. With that as your guiding star, you can never go far wrong. May the Lord go with you, and make you to abound in love and in utterance, and in all knowledge, and give you, at last, the joy, and the blessed reward of those who turn many to righteousness.

Mission Notes.

The new Catholic Bishop on his arrival at Loando received a great ovation. He proposes to establish a college for the training of priests and to teach them the Umbundu language.

Silva Porto, the new Captain-general for the interior, appointed by the Portuguese Government, has reached Bihe, where he has long had an establishment and has now started a school for his slave children.

Kaita, a young lad in Mr. Stover's family, at Bailundu, gives great promise of early Christian living.

Mr. Sanders says, "What do you think of a man taking his hand full of dried grass, setting it on fire, and then applying it to the naked shoulders and breast of his wife, simply because his beans were not cooked quite as soon as he thought they ought to be. This happened here in Chilumi." This place is just about three quarters of a mile from where our mission house in Bailundu is situated.

A Bihe barbarity. Mr. F. S. Arnott wrote from Bihe: "A few days ago I noticed a little boy about eight years of age, who belongs to Ruskit's town close by, going about with both his hands in a sad mess. The right one was completely distorted and three of the fingers joined together in one red, sore mass, the palm bulging forward. The arm above the wrist was skinned and also the left hand. I find that this youngster had been out visiting the king's town or somewhere near there. The boy in playing about had stolen some beans belonging to the daughter of Jamba Zamina, the king, who to punish the child for stealing her beans, put his hands into a pot of boiling water."

In 1881 it was estimated that there were in Africa 201,280,000 not reached by the gospel. 145,220 Protestant communicants reported. 30,886 pupils in Sabbath schools. 33,355 pupils in day schools. Much is