

Manners when at Church.

No, your manners in church are very bad. And shall I tell you to whom you are rude? To God Himself. You have no right to saunter lazily up the aisle in the house dedicated to Him.

You have no right to move about arranging, stroking and straightening your gown; your manners should be quiet and in good order.

You have no right during the time the hymn is sung to carefully observe the bonnets and wraps of the congregation.

You have no right to discuss the sermon as you walk down the aisle. The preacher has done his best and in the name of God, and you have no right to criticize him.

You wonder if you have committed all these sins; and you do not believe you will. My dear, think it over, and you will find one or two may be laid at your door. Only little faults, only little rudenesses, but to the King of kings.

The M'Bega (Colobus) Monkey;
Or, Live Aloft.

There are numbers of monkeys in East Africa, but one, living near Mount Kilima-Njaro (of which you read in "Light on our Lessons" this month), called by the natives *m'bega*, is very much prettier than the others. He has a silky coat, partly pure white and partly jet black. The natives admire him so much, that when they see any one looking very neat and nice, they often say, "There goes an *m'bega*." But what makes the *m'bega* so different from other monkeys? He lives in a different way. Whilst rough brown apes run about the ground and drink the dirty green water from the pools, the *m'bega* makes his home in the top of the highest trees, and will only lap the dew which falls on the leaves. Only let him venture down amongst the other monkeys, and he is in far greater danger than they are. The sportsman is only too pleased to shoot him for the sake of his skin.

You will easily guess the lessons that the *m'bega* teaches by this example. He reminds us to live as close to heaven as possible, to seek the dew of God's blessing rather than be satisfied with anything stained or tainted with sin, and to avoid the danger of evil company.

There are other stories which the missionary told us; perhaps we shall print them by-and-by. If you have been interested in these ones, let your interest take a practical form. Work for Africa, and, above all, pray for Africa, and the dear missionaries toiling there.

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