

church bright and roomy. Our house is too small to have them in. We had a tree on Christmas Eve, which gave them and their parents great pleasure."

AFRICA.

This vast continent contains twelve million square miles, equal in area to Europe and North America combined. Its greatest length is 5,000 miles and its greatest breadth 4,600. The population is estimated at from 130,000,000 to 170,000,000 and we are told about one-sixth of the heathen population of the world is to be found in what is often called the "Dark Continent." What a number of famous names in the roll of history the word Africa recalls, and how many have laid down their lives while proclaiming the glorious Gospel message amid its heathen peoples—Bishops Hannington, Patteson, Hill and Mrs. Hill, etc., etc. Unfortunately our space is too limited to continue the list, but would it not be well if the Branches made the missionary heroes of Africa and their respective fields of labor the theme of some of their meetings during this month? For our encouragement we read of that wonderful blessing which has been given to work in Uganda. No less than 57,380 natives have learned or are learning to read and to them God's Word can be an open Book. There are 321 churches affording accommodation for 49,751 worshippers with regular Sunday congregations amounting to 25,900, while five years ago there was only one church in the whole country. The Church Council has selected and supports 192 teachers, and in addition to these there are 472 male and 61 female teachers "in local connection," that is mostly honorary. There are 6,905 baptized christians, 1,355 communicants and 2,591 catechumens. The Bishop finally tells us that it is absolutely necessary to act in the present and that with all energy and zeal and holy wisdom, but in entire dependence on the grace and power of God. Now is the opportunity, now is the crisis. It may be not for Uganda only but for all nations in Central Africa, whose millions are as yet in heathen darkness but capable of being brought to the glorious light.

The Bishop of Algoma kindly found time amid his many new duties to write as follows:—"Your kind letter conveying the message of congratulation from the Provincial Women's Auxiliary gave me unfeigned pleasure and I beg through you to convey my heartiest expression of thanks. It is a great comfort to me in taking up the duties of the Episcopate in this great Missionary Diocese to know that the Woman's Auxiliary, not only remembers us, but prays for God's blessing upon our labors. I especially thank you for your kind reference to Mrs. Thorneloe. With such friends to help and pray for us we can hardly labour wholly in vain." Yours etc., GEORGE, Algoma.

The Rev. Stanley Stocken writes:—"Most gratefully do I thank each one of the four Dio. Branches of the W.A. for their practical