

very pretty. I am rather isolated here, being at least 120 miles from the capital.

After being quite alone for twenty-five weeks, I recently had a visit from the Rev. A. J. Pike. He baptized fourteen more adults, and eight infants, children of baptized fathers. In all thirty people have been baptized this year, and at present, two dozen more adults are being prepared for baptism, and others are constantly coming forward. When I arrived, there was only one church in the country, now there are eight. Kamswaga recently allowed his wives to begin to read but they are not yet allowed to attend the church. However he has said that after Christmas, he will begin to build a new church as we have outgrown the present one, and that when it is ready, his wives shall be allowed to attend. I hear that he has two or three hundred wives in all, and no one is allowed to see them save a few boys, so that for them to be allowed to read is a very great step in the right direction. Kamswaga is himself showing much more interest in the work here, and in his reading, and I have been nearly all through the gospels with him once.

He has just gone to the capital, taking with him most of the readers and chiefs, in order that Koki may be formally included in the British protectorate. So the place here is left very desolate.

The greatly increased sale of books is another sign of advance. Drunkenness is on the decrease, and people are far more friendly. Before he left, Kamswaga asked that a teacher might go with each of the princes to their country seats, that they might continue their reading, and left boys to teach his wives. Thus you see God has been at work here.

This is not such a healthy place as Uganda, I think. The water is very bad, and swamps abound. The mosquitos are awful all day, and sometimes, at nights, they are like a swarm of bees round a hive. But all the same I have been kept in excellent health. My furlough is due next year, but I do not expect to go home till about the Spring of 1898.

Please pray much for me, and the work here and Kamswaga. I think the chief human means of blessing here is the native teacher Tomasi, a splendid fellow."

Mr. Leahey encloses in the above letter, (which was written at Koki,