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THE AFRICAN MISSIONS of the White Fathers 1912

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TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS, TO OUR PROMOTERS, TO OUR
BENEFACTORS.

Our humble Magazine of the African Missions is entering in its fourth year. Created to make known to the Catholics of America the work of evangelization that the Holy Church accomplishes in the regions but lately unexplored of Africa, it has remained faithful to its aim. Every month, it speaks to you of the Missionaries' works, of the conversions they operate with the grace of God, of the difficulties of the Apostolate...and also of the poverty of the Missions. In reading it you may have admired the zeal of our native catechists, the faithfulness of our neophytes in approaching often the Sacraments, and their devotion to the Blessed Virgin.

More recently it has spoken to you of two works which less than 20 years ago we should not even have dared to think of, and which now present themselves with great hopes. I mean the work of the Native Seminarists and that,—how touching!—of the little Black Sisters.

This little Magazine you have been through, first with curiosity, then with sympathy. Our subscribers of the first hour have made it known around them; and little by little, towards that so distant Africa like a current of cordial charity has gone forth which almost effaces distances. Here, where Faith is so deep and generous, it was understood that we could not desinterest ourselves