

land's icy mountains," all sung in Swahili. The meeting was as orderly and as well-behaved as any I have seen at home, and the natives who were present in large numbers seemed to enjoy it very much.

Wednesday, November 3rd. After supper, we went to the ladies' house in Frere Town and attended a meeting of the Gleaners' Union. There were about thirty missionaries and friends present. Mr. Roscoe gave an address upon the discouragements as well as the progress and encouragements of the the Uganda church. Mr. Binns was in the chair. Several hymns were sung, a portion of scripture, (Acts xiv.) read, and a number of prayers offered to the Father of all men for the success of His work in the places of His vineyard represented by workers present. It was a very spiritual and helpful meeting.

Friday, November 5th. We hope to leave the coast next Wednesday, November 10th. If we cannot obtain porters enough to take all our loads, then we shall go with what we can get, and whatever loads we have to leave behind, will be sent to Zanzibar to go up by the south road to Uganda. Porters are very scarce at present, and besides there is a rumor that a rebellion has been raised by some Soudanese soldiers in the interior, and if the report is confirmed, the government will take all available porters at the coast and we shall have to wait here several weeks. We hope to travel one hundred and thirty miles by rail, which will bring us over the worst part of the way. If we leave next Wednesday, we hope to arrive in Uganda about Christmas time. We are all anxious to start and are all enjoying perfect health. Hitherto hath the Lord helped us and led us safely, and we are sure He will continue to be our guide. The missionaries both in Mombasa and in Frere Town are most kind to us.

Brethren, pray for us.

K. BORUP.

THE S. P. C. K.

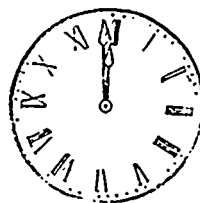
The annual report of the S.P.C.K., that admirable English society, now two centuries old, having for its object the promotion of religious knowledge, refers to the great change which has taken place since the Queen's accession in 1837, in the expansion of the empire and the increase of the colonial episcopate. The demands upon the Society are now enormous, and it finds itself hardly able to cope with them. During the year no less than 187,715 Bibles and Testaments, and 192,444 Prayer Books have been circulated. The income of the Society from subscriptions and legacies has been about \$85,000, far short of

the amount which could be profitably expended. The total number of books and tracts of all sorts circulated amounts to over twelve millions. Yet subscriptions and legacies are both less. The marvellous increase of reading power has caused the society to give away literature in a far larger measure than sixty years ago, and the list of book grants covers all classes of the community. — *Western Churchman*.

Woman's Auxiliary Department.

"The love of Christ constraineth us."—II. Cor. v. 14.

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Remember daily the mid-day prayer for missions

"Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost part of the earth for thy possession." : Ps. ii. 8.

PROVINCIAL CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT.

1896-97.

THE Corresponding Secretary begs to report as follows :

Shortly after the Provincial Board Meeting held in Toronto, November 12 and 13, 1896, the Provincial President sent your Secretary a printed letter regarding Self-denial Week to issue to the members. This was done through the Diocesan officers in due form and no doubt was productive of much good. In January a paper on the United Thankoffering was printed and issued through the same source, and boxes were prepared and forwarded to the Branches to receive this thankoffering. This latter really belonged to the Treasurer's Department, but as the boxes were made in Toronto, your Secretary gladly undertook the issuing so as to save expense.

In February notice was received from the Rupert's Land Branch that they had elected Mrs. Fortier, wife of the Archdeacon, President in the place of the late Mrs. Cawley. This appointment was a matter of such sincere satisfaction from all who knew Mrs. Fortier's exceeding worth and capabilities, that a letter of congratulation was sent and duly acknowledged. The wisdom of the choice has been proved by the very great increase and development which marks the Rupert's Land Annual Report lately to hand.

In this month congratulations were also sent to Dr. Thorneloe, the newly consecrated Bishop of Algoma, and a most kindly answer received.