

us that Hausa is perhaps, of all African languages, the easiest for Europeans to learn, and can now be acquired in the healthy climate of Tripoli. A Hausa literature exists, and the people possess considerable civilization. It is six years since the attempt to evangelize this people from Lokoja came to an end. Now there are two recruits studying at Tripoli, but Mr. Nott would like to have six, so as to secure continuity to the work. —*Intelligencer*.

**"O SON OF DAVID, HAVE MERCY  
UPON ME."**

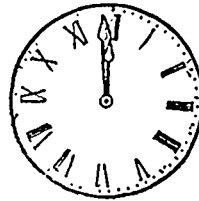
The following touching incident is related by the Rev. W. Owen Jenkins of the Graaff Reinet Mission, in the Diocese of Grahamstown:—

"A poor native woman, Jane Ndibi, being driven out into the world by the man she lived with, in a fit of mad rage and despair strangled her child. She was tried and sentenced to death. On being visited in the prison it was found that she was a heathen, but had often listened to the preaching of different itinerant catechists of the Mission who go from farm to farm in the district. She was therefore predisposed to receive instruction in the Way of Life. Catechist Hubert visited her almost daily for six weeks and prepared her for Holy Baptism. When I went down to the prison to administer this Sacrament, the poor woman, thoroughly penitent, broke in suddenly upon the Church prayers with the most pitiful and agitated torrent of pleading to God for mercy and forgiveness. The burden of her cry was, 'O Son of David, have mercy upon me.' For fully five minutes this touching supplication poured from her lips. The effect was weird and unearthly. Then she became calm and quiet, and with reverent devotion received the seal of her adoption into the family of God. The news of her reprieve had reached her a few days before. Since this entrance into the prison Hubert has gone regularly to hold an afternoon service on Sundays as a labour of love. There are usually about a dozen Kaffir-speaking convicts in gaol at a time, the majority being Dutch speaking Hottentots and half-castes, who are ministered to by the Dutch chaplain."

AMONG the candidates who have been recently prepared for confirmation by the chaplain on the Codrington Estates, Barbadoes, is a woman at least eighty years of age. "Poor old soul" (the chaplain writes) "she hobbles once a week at least half-a-mile to the chapel for instructions. At her age, and with the opportunities she has had, there is not much hope of teaching her much, but she does her best, and there is no question of her being in earnest, and I feel sure that the long walks she takes every week will be accepted in lieu of accurate knowledge."

**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**

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"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.

**THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE DO-  
MESTIC AND FOREIGN MIS-  
SIONARY SOCIETY.**

ANNUAL REPORT, 1896-97.

Number of Branches, 482.

Membership reported, 12,000; but this is very incomplete.

Cash received, \$10,850.12; against \$18,099.27 the previous year.

Number of bales, 614; an increase of 24 on last year.

Eleven Communion sets, one Font, two Bells, Communion Linen, Surplices, Cassocks and articles of Church furniture.

Missionaries supported or assisted:—Miss J. C. Smith, Miss Young, Japan; Miss Brown, Miss Dusterale, Miss Crawford, Miss Phillips, Miss Shaw, Miss Turner, Miss A. Turner, Miss Gibson, North West; Miss Kirby, Kennugah; Rev. J. Hencliffe, North West; K. Borup, Africa; Miss Paterson, at Matsumoto, and Miss Truis at Hay River are labouring at their own charges; Miss Kirkby in China also belongs to the W. A.

Several Missionaries' children are being educated in Canada, and native Bible women supported in the foreign field by branches of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**W.A. DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.**

The Twelfth Annual Meeting of this Diocesan Branch was opened by the members meeting for Holy Communion in St. Thomas' Church, Belleville, on the morning of Wednesday, June 8th. There was a large gathering of women who were addressed by the Rev. Canon Burke from the words of the Diocesan motto, "She hath done what she could."

His earnest loving remarks will long be remembered by those who had the privilege of hearing him.

On adjourning to St. Thomas' Church Hall,