

urged our point of view, namely, that any scheme for the education of the African, whether undertaken by Government or missionary, must have a strong and definitely Christian basis.

One result of the visit of the "Commission" which should prove most useful in days to come has been the appointment of a Government Board of Education, upon which representatives of the various Missions working in Kenya have been appointed by His Excellency to sit. The usefulness of this Board, and of our Representatives on it, has become already apparent.

I would urge with all the earnestness of which I am capable, that if we are to take advantage of this unique opportunity, we must have sent out to us as soon as possible, men and women who are capable of understanding this work, but who, above all else, are filled with the Spirit of God.

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MEETING OF EAST WITH WEST.

By Miss Nellie Smith, N.S.W.
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A few evenings past one witnessed the following strange combination:— About six feet from the new motor road and running alongside, was a long pile of charcoal, thirty feet long, two feet high and three feet wide, covered with brushwood, all this in preparation for a Kwoh Foh Shaan, i.e., passing over the fiery mountain, a ceremony indulged in by members of wealthy families should a woman die at child-birth, to prevent her soul from passing through the horrors of the Buddhist hell. The charcoal is lighted about 6 p.m. and by 8 p.m. is a glowing mass of coals. The witch doctor performs a weird ceremony, during which food and paper money (the latter burned) is offered to the spirits, accompanied by beating of gongs and clashing cymbals. At cock-crow—12 p.m.—the witch doctor rolls over the still burning coals from end to end, the

members and relatives of the deceased woman run from end to end calling upon their household gods. After such a ceremony a request comes to us to go and attend the scorched feet of these people.

Training of Bible-Women.

Two of these are at present in the Women's School, under instruction, both earnest, keen women. One truly thanks God for raising up two such women, for there are now three outstations without Bible-women. One of these has the following interesting story: After her own conversion, she determined to win her heathen husband for Christ, now a member of the Church, then having no child of her own and longing for one, she adopted one of the picked-up babes. This was a step of faith, for being poor she had to do her share towards making both ends meet by making string or dying cloth. During the fighting last year she bravely showed her colors by taking cloth to some distant hill-sides to dry when all women and girls were securely locked in their homes afraid to venture out for fear of molestation from the uncouth soldiers. She fearlessly told them she was obliged to do her work, and trusted her Heavenly Father to protect her, which He did. We ask for very earnest prayer for these two women.

Women's School and Station-Classes.

Women who wish to learn the Doctrine are invited into the School for a month, where they are taught, not only by the missionaries, but also by a very earnest and capable Christian Chinese woman teacher. During the year fourteen women have had sound Gospel truths taught them and we hope several will be prepared for baptism with their little ones. One of these women has an interesting story. We had come in touch with her when visiting Sheung Lok and found her eager to hear the Gospel, but her old mother-in-law was opposed to the Jesus doctrine, at the

same time quite pleased for our visits, which gave them "face," as they call it, but would not allow her to come to us. During last summer holidays a band of thieves attacked that neighbourhood. She hid on the roof of her home, her mother-in-law with her, one little grand-child in her arms. In her attempt to escape she was killed by the thieves, but the little child miraculously escaped unhurt. Thus in this sad, though we believe providential manner, the way was open for both mother and child to come to the Women's School, where we trust she will find and love Him who has promised: "Thy Maker is thy Husband" and will be a "Father to the fatherless" child, for since her advent here, her husband has written to say that he has married again, and she is his wife no longer.

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A VISIT TO ANKOLE.

By Mrs. H. T. WRIGHT (Vic.)

"We have just come back from a month at Ankole, which was my husband's first station, 20 years ago. Everybody seems to love their first station better than any after ones. He was very glad to see many of his old friends, and they were equally glad to see him. Many of them whom he baptized as youths brought along their families to see him. We got the usual presents of welcome, mostly eggs and fowls. The Prime Minister gave us a leopard skin, a wooden milk bowl, and some black pottery. He is such a nice old man, a perfect gentleman. It is amusing to see him come into church, late of course (its a sign of good breeding to be late for everything, and the higher the rank the greater the unpunctuality). First of all a youth brings in a lovely Persian rug about 8ft. square, which he spreads on the floor in front of the Prime Minister's chair, which is a kind of throne near the chancel. Then another boy spreads a leopard skin on the chair. Then in walks the Prime Minister with his attendants, one carrying his hat, another his stick, and an-