

Mohammedan apparently sincerely seeking Christ's Way. Chief once at Sunday service during month. Regular market preaching instituted. Enquirers' class keeps up very well, but wish for more life of the aggressive kind among them. Evangelistic work distinctly hopeful. Some evidences of awakening, and inquiry, and conviction. Chief friendly. Girls willingly come to learn hymns. Moslems interested through Arabic Gospels. Evangelist encouragingly earnest. Good news from Halilu, who is to the north of the river. He just can't get away from the people as it were. They want him to stay with them.

Mr. Maxwell writes:

A Request from Donga.

THERE is hardly anything on the station that is such an unfailling attraction as the stereoscope. It has been used—and abused—until both it and the pictures are the worse for wear. Have any of our readers any stereoscopic pictures, especially Scripture ones, that they can spare? Another stereoscope and a lot more pictures would be appreciated here. Young and old spend lots of time on our verandah looking and re-looking at the views we have, showing one another and talking about the things they see in the photos. Especially welcome would be Scripture pictures, Old or New Testament, African and Indian pictures, and pictures with animals in them. They should be *well packed* and addressed to:—"Missionary in Charge, Donga Station, Sudan United Mission, Donga, via Jos and Ibi, Northern Provinces, Nigeria, B.W.A." Please to remember to state the contents clearly on the outside of the packet, to avoid trouble in the post out here. Tie them up well; it's wonderful how packets get untied or burst when they have to go a hundred miles and more in a sack on a carrier's head. Thank you in anticipation very much indeed.

Report from Bambur, Nigeria:

Bambur.

ON invitation of the District Officer, Mr. Guintier went to Lau to meet His Honour the Lieut.-Governor, Mr.

Gowers, on the 5th. The Emir was decorated with His Majesty's medal for faithful service. The District Heads and many of the local chiefs were present.

From the 9th to the 19th, Mr. and Mrs. McBride were at Pitiko for a change. This brought them into contact with many of the hill people that we had not hitherto touched.

The Wurkum Primer is ready to be typed for the Press. Some more Old Testament stories have been translated.

Mr. McBride itinerated the villages on the road to Darafei on the 23rd and 24th.

Four days were spent on a visit to the Bashama District, which lies north and north-west of Bambur. Pitiko, Kakala, Kpani and Angule were the sections toured. These people live in little groups, widely scattered over about 300 square miles of territory. They speak a language very different from Wurkum, but some of them understand Wurkum. They number about 4,000 according to the last Government count. They are quite free from Moslem influence, except along the trade routes. They were very friendly and would welcome a white man in their midst.

Timbuctoo and back in a Motor Car.

TIMBUCTOO, the Mysterious, in the heart of the French Western Sudan, can no longer retain its title. It will become a tourist resort. This month a bi-weekly motor car service will start from Oran to Timbuctoo, and it will be possible to go from London in twelve days. The journey will be through the mountainous region of North Africa and across the Sahara, with finally two days up the Niger in a motor boat.

Extract from a letter from Rev. C. W. Guintier, Bambur, Nigeria:

Savage Africa.

ON the 12th we were invited to witness the big dance of the men and youths. No women were allowed. The chief came for us and suggested that we should take a gun as the people would get so drunk that they might do us harm. We told

him we would come away before they got too bad. He led us up to the top of the high point back of our house, here in a sheltered place the people had assembled. The "boka" men, some sixteen of them, had removed their large wooden masks and arranged them in a row along a ledge of rocks. In a small open space a group of men were dancing and waving their war clubs. Farther up another group, many of them naked, many of them already the worse for drink, were dancing, leaping and yelling as they moved in a circle around a small "boka" house. Down

At this stage we thought it best to leave. They told us this was the highest worship of their gods. Many of the men were almost unrecognisable. Some looked like mad men, their eyes flaming red. Others were frothing at the mouth like infuriated beasts. Many of them lost all self-respect and acted in most disgusting ways. The things I have seen since I have been here outdo anything I had hitherto seen in Africa. How great is their need! How little they realise it! Only Jesus Christ can transform these lives. Our eyes are unto Him.



NORWEGIAN PARTY—

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another slope came another company with painted faces and the perspiration streaming down their bodies. All the forces met on the little plain and with waving clubs, singing and shouting, twisting their bodies in all kinds of shapes, they carried on to the beating of several drums. On the slope of the hill were people from all the Wurkum villages as onlookers. At one side, two ledges were filled with pots of beer. There were hundreds of them, and some held as much as five gallons. After a while the dancing ceased and the beer was distributed. All who wished drank, and drank to their capacity. There were pots full untouched. The "boka" men then donned their masks and the dancing was resumed.

Monthly Report, Tutung, Nigeria, among the Bokiym people:

Progress at Tutung.

LAST Lord's Day was of special interest, when four young men made a public confession of their faith in the Lord Jesus by burning their charms. Next month I hope to have at least two more whom I know are truly following the Lord, but are at present working at Jos for tax money. Many of the people go there at this time of the year. Already these young men in the Faith are taking a bold stand, by accompanying the Yergum evangelist, Nanswa, to the outlying villages in the afternoon on the Lord's Day. They are a very great help to Nanswa, as he is somewhat timid, but