

S. CUTHBERT'S, TSOLO.

Jubilee of the Mission.

Impressions of the Festival.

(From a Correspondent).

With hearts full of thankfulness for beautiful rain, and with hope renewed, both Europeans and Africans found their way to the Mission on Friday, September 9, for the festival and feast, which were to mark this great occasion in the history of the Pondomise people. The Bishop of Capetown and Mrs. Phelps, the Bishop of the Diocese, the Dean of Umtata, Archdeacons Moultrie, Leary and Bulwer, Mr. Welsh, Chief Magistrate, and Mr. Alfred Payn, M.L.A., were among the visitors.

The festival began at 4 p.m. on Friday, 9th, with solemn Evensong, procession and sermon, the preacher being Archdeacon Leary. Saturday was a perfect day, and the Mission was astir at 4.30 a.m., and after many Masses had been offered, at 8.30 a.m. the Church of St. Cuthbert's was full to overflowing (800 Africans and Europeans) for the Pontifical High Mass of the festival with procession and sermon. The dignity of the ritual, the richness of the unaccompanied singing, with most perfect descant, and the atmosphere of devotion were both uplifting and inspiring. The Archbishop preached, taking for his text Psalm 27, verse 1, and in his own wonderful way gave both encouragement, hope, and warning. There was an overflow service outside the church to which the procession went and hundreds received the Archiepiscopal blessing. The communicants at this and the earlier masses numbered 1,000.

Then came the feasting in various groups, the chiefs, the adults, the children and the "reds" (or heathen). Over 200 large three-legged pots were needed in which to prepare the food for the multitude, and the cooking had been going on all night. A concert of school choirs and sports was a feature of the

day. At 5 p.m. everyone gathered for

THE SPEECHES.

A few words of welcome from the Father Superior, and then Father Callaway, frail but "strong in the spirit," spoke of his early days on the Mission. The Archbishop of Capetown and the Bishop of the Diocese spoke, followed by the Chief Magistrate (Mr. Welsh), and Mr. Payn, M.L.A., both great friends to the natives. Rich tribute was paid by all the speakers to Bransby Key, Alan Gibson, Father Callaway and Father Ley. The first African speaker was Chief Masikize Mhlontlo, grandson of the Chief Mhlontlo. Then Mr. Daniel Mtangai and Mr. Chalmers Bam spoke for the Chief Regent of the Tsolo Pondomise. Mr. Mtangai had accompanied Chief Mtshazi when Archdeacon Gibson took them to England, where they remained for two years at Denstone College before returning. What a marvelous proof of the power of Christianity over heathenism, and amongst the huge audience were many "reds" listening to the words of their own people telling "what great things the Lord hath done for us already whereof we rejoice." The vein of humour is strong in the native and the speakers evoked a great deal of laughter. A distance off the "reds" were to be seen dancing with weird activity. The headdresses showed what could be done with towels, docks and beads!

It was a revelation to go from them to the

HANDICRAFT EXHIBITION.

and to see how natural gifts are developed and trained in laundry, cooking, carpentering and weaving, all taught in the schools. The carpentry school exhibited kitchen dressers, bins, tables and desks, etc., all splendidly made. The weaving school is known to many, and linen towels, woollen rugs, and many other useful articles made one wish for a full purse, while the cooking and laundry and needlework exhibits of the Housecraft School reached an equally high standard.

SUNDAY'S SERVICES.

There was a great silence in the Mission when the visitors had gone; all retired early in order to be ready for the 6.30 Mass on Sunday. The morning was cold and misty, but at 8.30 a.m. the church was again filled for the Pontifical High Mass of thanksgiving with procession and sermon. The Bishop of the Diocese preached, taking as his text Philippians 1, verses 3-6. He exhorted the people to continue the great work which God had begun in them, and he bid the young ones to band themselves together to work for good among their own people to bring the heathen into the flock of Christ! There are he

continued, a few who had given up the pleasures of life for this work and had become sisters, novices or brothers, but he hoped before long to see many more ready to give up their life to work for God in this way.

At 12 noon the body of Nelson Mazomba was laid to rest in the beautiful cemetery. He was a student at St. Bede's College, Umtata, and was soon to be ordained to the Ministry, but it was not to be, for on his way to St. Cuthbert's, which he loved, he was drowned while fording a river in flood.

On Sunday afternoon the European friends of the Mission came from Umtata, Tsolo, and beyond Kokstad, and there was a large congregation at the English Evensong at 3 p.m. when the Archbishop preached. A delightful gathering in the picturesque Weaving School for tea brought the festivities of the day to an end. If Miss Edith Wigan, who started the weaving school, could have been with us then indeed, there would have been nothing else to desire.

Monday came, and the day dawned perfectly for

THE JUBILEE PAGEANT.

The scenes depicted were taken first from the Early Church, showing how through trial and persecution the Christians had kept true to the Faith through the teachings of the Apostles, St. Paul and St. Barnabas. Then we saw how missionaries were sent from Rome to England and so we came to the life of St. Cuthbert, the patron Saint of the Mission. In the second part we were shown how u-Key came to bring the message of the Gospel to the heathen, and how after his house was burnt at St. Augustine's he moved to St. Cuthbert's. The last scene presented a "Vision of the Future," with an African bishop, many priests, brothers, sisters, doctors and nurses, etc., continuing the good work which God had begun amongst them. This is a sketchy account of a really wonderful performance. The Africans do not "act," but they play their parts naturally. Miss Wallace, the producer, is to be very much congratulated on what must have been a piece of very hard work.

The three days of the Festival have been truly great days, and the result must be far-reaching for the glory of God. As a visitor, I am only too pleased to express my thanks to the Fathers and Sisters, and other workers of this wonderful Mission, where all the work is done for the service of God and His children.

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THE FESTIVAL.

SEPT., 9th—12th, 1932.

FRIDAY, 9th SEPTEMBER, 4 p.m. : Solemn Evensong with Procession and Sermon. Preacher: The Venerable Archdeacon Leary, of Holy Cross.

SATURDAY, 10th SEPTEMBER, 8.30 a.m. : Pontifical High Mass of the Festival with Procession and Sermon.

Preacher: His Grace the Archbishop of Cape Town.

The Collection at this service will be given to the Jubilee Memorial Fund for the completion of S. Cuthbert's Church. The rest of the day will be occupied with the Feast, and Concert of School Choirs, Speeches at 3.0. p.m. and Sports.

SUNDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER, 8.30 a.m. : Pontifical High Mass of Thanksgiving with Procession and Sermon.

Preacher: The Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

The Collection will be given to the Jubilee Memorial Thankoffering, to be sent to the Church in Ovamboland.

3 p.m. English Evensong with Sermon.

Preacher: His Grace The Archbishop of Cape Town.

The Collection at this Service will be given to the Jubilee Memorial Fund for the completion of S. Cuthbert's Church.

TEA to follow.

MONDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER : A Special Jubilee Holiday for all our Schools. **HISTORICAL PAGEANT** (including the Life of the Mission) 11—1. 2—4.

The Jubilee Memorial. (1) The gifts of the people of the parish will be sent away as a thankoffering to God for the use of the Church in Ovamboland. (2) Gifts of friends outside the parish will be devoted to a memorial fund for the completion of St. Cuthbert's Church.

(But any gift may be earmarked for either purpose).

Visitors coming in cars at 3 p.m. on Sunday 11th, are asked to watch for parking arrangements.

The Pageant is an act of devotion throughout; applause will not be expected.

A limited number (30) of special Jubilee Xosa hymn books, with tunes, will be on sale at the book cupboard in the parish room, price 8/-.

It is hoped that a special Jubilee Magazine will be out at the end of September. This may be had on application to the Secretary at the Mission, price 3½d. post free.

Specimens of handcraft made by students on the Mission will be exhibited in the Woodwork Class room.

1932.

Jubilee of S. Cuthbert's Mission.

Being the 50th Year since the Mission was planted at Ngecolosi.

Prayer for use both in public and private.

We thank Thee, O Heavenly Father, for all the blessings upon the work of S. Cuthbert's Mission. We thank Thee for our Founder, Bransby Key and all who have followed in his steps. Forgive us all our sins and all our lost opportunities. Pour upon us Thy Holy Spirit, that we may give our hearts anew to Thee, and to Thy Service: through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

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I-Jubilee yomzi wase St. Cuthbert.

Lo ngumnyaka wama Shumi Mahlanu woku Sekwa ko Mzi wase Ngecolosi.

U-Mtandazo wokutetwa e-Tyalikeni nangasese.

Siyakubulela Bawo wase zulwini ngenxa yazo zonke intsikelelo ezehlela pezu komzi wase St. Cuthbert. Sikubulela nangenxa yalowo wawusekayo, u Bransby Key, nabo balandela ekondweni lake. Sixolele zonke izono zetu, nokunganyamekeli amatúba okwandisa umsebenzi. Sitúlulele u Moya wako Oyingcwele, ukuze sinikele ngokutsha intliziyo zetu kuwe nasemsebenzini wakó. Ngaye u Yesu Kristu i Nkosi yetu. *Amen.*

S. GUTHBERTS.
24.11.32.

Dear Sister,

I was so very sorry to hear of the damage done at S. Augustine's by the hail, and I am sorry also that I have not been to see you to commiserate, but I have not forgotten the matter, and I have decided that the Mission Funds should bear the cost of the repairing your broken windows. So this, I hope will put your mind at rest on one point.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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1952 Sep, Oct.

- Thurs. 15. Mother gave the Sisters a lecture at 5¹/₂ SEB in Charge. wagon came just as the meal was finished.
- Fri. 16. Cold & wet, not promising for S. Aug: picnic tomorrow.
- Sat. 17. Too wet for picnic. Mother Prov: came up to dinner with Y. Claudia as well in the dining room.
- Mon. 19. A CSMV tea-party at 3¹/₂. The children gave a small entertainment afterwards.
- Tues. 20. The ladies from Key Cottage & W. Scott's house F. Tattersall A. Twinn & M. Wigram & Miss Waters came to tea & Entertainment.
- Thurs. 22. S.R. in Retreat Mother ^{S.O.} went 6.30 a.m. Mass at CSMV Chapel 6¹/₂. No Grant come yet.
- Sat. 24. Workers' Meeting. SMBS & SEB went S.R. went to Y. Mass.
- Sun. 25. No Sunday Classes as 10 days holiday for other schools.
- Mon. 26. Ladies' Retreat All 3 Sisters up at S. Aug. for breakfast
Tues 27 F. Tattersall at 9 a.m. heard children's Confession in Zoor.
- Thurs. 29 S. Michael & All Angels. Children to CSMV Chapel 6.20 for Communion 8.30 Xosa Mass Church.
- Sat. Oct. 1. SEB Retreat.
- Sun. .. 2. No Classes. 4¹/₂ tea-party as wet & Sun in Oct.
Public Holiday
- Mon. .. 3. Sun shining but earth too wet & cold for a picnic. So School held.
- Thurs. 6. F. Ley came for his Scripture lesson 11.30.
- Sat. 8. Dinner 12.30 girls up the Mt. with SEB. (Doris rolled down)
Boys 1.30 out with F. Tattersall. M. Wigram, sweets, dates, cake lemons.

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