

of God!" Such is the reflection of Dr. Snyder after the following entry in his diary: "Have been talking this afternoon at a village of over three thousand inhabitants situated only two days' journey from here. They tell me that they have never known anything about God or Jesus, and my talk to them on this subject was a new thing to them. Just think of it! Three thousand souls within two days' walk who know absolutely nothing of God!"

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How cheering, on the other hand, is another entry from Dr. Snyder's diary for Sabbath, May 9: "The morning broke bright and beautiful, and as we assembled in the chapel with Mr. Shepard in the pulpit and Mrs. Snyder at her usual place at the organ, and an audience of over one hundred nicely filling the seats, I can assure you we felt quite at home." On that day there were two more accessions to this growing church.

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THE influence and power of the gospel are already being manifest among the Bakete. Dr. Snyder's diary abounds in such touching entries as these: "Sabbath, June 2, 1895. Communion Sabbath. I preached to our people on the life and death of Jesus. After services, Dick told me that his heart just ached while I was telling of the death of Jesus, and Polly said the tears came to her eyes. Others were visibly affected, and we were rejoiced at the manifest power of God." Then follows this entry: "Bella united with the Church, and we have four others on probation." Another incident well illustrates the influence of the truth on the hearts of these young African converts, even though it provokes a smile: "In the evening," writes Dr. Snyder, "had our usual meeting; took for my

subject, 'Samson.' After meeting, Dick said: 'I tell you what, Ngangabuka, my heart did feel sore when Samson told his wife the truth, and lost his strength.'"

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BUT, perhaps the most striking indication of the power of the gospel in this infant church is shown in its liberality. On June 15, Dr. Snyder writes: "Commenced putting a malala roof on our chapel this week. The members of our church are paying for it. Our weekly collection from the members only averages three hundred cowries, being more than ten per cent. of the amount paid them (for wages)."

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THIS same interesting diary shows how even the children of the station are developing into Christian workers. The chief of a certain village had objected to the visit of the missionaries to his town, saying: "The Bakambuya do not want to serve God." Dr. Snyder was on the point of closing the meeting when that interesting young disciple, Dick, expressed the opinion that the people of the village did not agree with the chief; whereupon an appeal was made to them, resulting in the unanimous request: "We want you to tell us about God." Dr. Snyder then adds the interesting statement: "David asked me if he might not speak with them, and, having received my permission, he told them the story of Noah, and applied it to them in a way so clear that I am sure he was led of the Spirit."

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ON the Congo it is still true that the missionary must be able to turn his hand to any kind of work. Dr. Snyder's journal gives a graphic picture of his busy life, preaching the gospel, making grammars and dictionaries,