

## MR STANLEY'S MISSION.

## Discovery of a New Nyanza.

## The Alexandra Nile.

UJJI, Aug. 13, 1876.  
I must leave off writing letters, and must hurry away, for times are sad, very sad, in Ujji. A malignant epidemic is raging here, devouring the population at the rate of from 40 to 75 persons daily. It is a small-pox of the most fatal kind. Few attacked by it have escaped. The same evil influences which nourish this pest cause other ailments to prevail—namely, dysentery, chest diseases, typhoid fevers, agues. You may perceive by the dates of my letters to you how many days I have required to write off a couple of letters, and make up two surveys. I returned from my circumnavigating voyage on Tanganyika August 1; this is now the 13th. Thirteen days to write two letters! It is true; but the time has been mostly spent fretting in bed, from repeated attacks of fevers.

When I landed from my boat I received a budget of bad news only. Five deaths had already occurred in the Expedition during my absence of 51 days; six more men were down with small-pox; the fearful disease was running like wildfire through the houses of Ujji, Arabas well as native. Frank Pocock had suffered severe illness three times while I had been absent; an influential Arab trader died the day of my return; the Governor of Ujji and Livingstone's old friend Mohammed bin Gharib had lost several children, and were losing slaves each day, though their bills of mortality had been already severe. Slaves and pagazis, or porters, were fast deserting their masters for fear of this scourge; finally, my messengers, five in number, had not yet appeared from Uyan-yembe, and as they have not returned to this day, I have given up all hope of them. You may imagine, then, the feeling which prevails in all minds at the present time in Ujji—it is that of dismay and terror; and, as the inhabitants look forward to two months more of the fatal experience they are now undergoing, those who are able to quit the horrible spot should pack up at once.

When I first heard these depressing particulars I was impressed with the necessity of immediate departure if I valued the welfare of the Expedition; but I had also my duty to do towards you. The two letters I have herewith written may, perhaps, be considered, if you have any inclination to be very exacting, more so, but they are the best and the utmost that can be done under such aggravating circumstances. The condition of my people is really deplorable; besides being thinned in numbers many favorite and faithful attendants among those still living are in a bad state, and some no doubt will be taken off. The only thing it appears to me that has saved the Expedition from total wreck is vaccination. But I find now too late that many of the people lost the benefit of this precaution from sheer laziness—when summoned they would not appear. My vaccine matter is all dried away now, and not a particle of it can be scraped up to be of use. Frank Pocock has done his best for his Arab neighbors and friends, and it was very gratifying to me to hear how excellently and nobly he had behaved. He is certainly the best attendant a traveller ever had. I would not part with him for a hundred Shaws and Farquahs. He has become a most ardent geographer, too; and, having no other companion with me, I frequently exchange my inmost views and hopes with him. He did not look very promising at first; I thought him rather slow. He has, however, a host of virtues and not the shadow of a vice. He is a brave, honest, manly, patient young Englishman.

I had a great many more things to write about my journey round the Tanganyika, it has been so very interesting. I may say it has been replete with rich discoveries of magnificent waterfalls, unrivalled scenery, "water hymns;" exquisitely fragrant berries; caverns, and subterranean dwellings; but to mention the copper mines of Katata and the mode of working them. I have heard much about the famous underground houses of Ruu, and have found what may be called a new religion among the tribes round the Tanganyika, any of which discoveries, with abundant leisure, would furnish matter for a graphic letter. But the necessity of immediate departure is too urgent, since if I delayed it would entail the sacrifice of many valuable lives in this Expedition. It will take some days to prepare, to assort, and rearrange the goods after such a long stay here, and various minor matters must be attended to. I may be able, nevertheless, to write you a small note on the day of departure in order to acquaint you with our position and our prospects.

HENRY M. STANLEY.

The subjoined letters from Frank Pocock, addressed to members of his family, will complete Mr Stanley's narrative, and be read with all the more interest on account of the well-deserved praise which our Joint Commissioner bestows on this excellent young Englishman.

Ujji, Lake Tanganyika, Central Africa, July 21, 1876.

My dear Uncle—I should like to have seen you before leaving home, but there were so many to see that I hardly knew who I did see. But I hope to see you on my return, and I hope that you will not be long. We have expended nearly all our goods; also, we ourselves are getting rather worn out from hard marching under the burning sun, and fever and other sicknesses. We have made a good round. We struck off the road of all former travellers to the Victoria Nyanza, and reached it in a journey of 103 days from the coast—a stout march. You would like to have seen the caravan when it came to the top of a hill, and we caught sight of the lake. I thought the black veterans would go mad with joy, running, shouting, rolling on the ground, beating their bullock-bird drums, dancing, singing, firing guns, &c. We had a rest for a few days, then put the rest of the boat together, and in eight days Mr Stanley left us to explore the lake. Me and the other white men, Fred Barker, was left in charge of the goods and men. But before Mr Stanley returned poor Barker died from chills. Then I was left alone, I may say—for then I knew nothing of the language—and during the absence of Mr Stanley three chiefs combined together to drive us away, and steal our goods. But, said I, they shan't drive us away for nothing, so I served out ammunition to the people

with guns, and spears to them without guns, and they came close to the boat of our camp. But I would not allow a man inside. We were just about to fire on them when we saw a man coming to speak. He came to make friends. We made friends with him, and all went off quiet. But the reason they did not fight was because they would have killed some of their brothers, for the people of our village all hold our way, therefore we got off well. We stayed at Usukuma four months, and I was sent to Ukerewe to get canoes to take the caravan to Uganda. Ukerewe is an island about 30 miles from the mainland or from our camp, the largest island in the lake. I got 52 canoes from the Sultan Lukongie, and returned to camp. I was the first white man over on this island. It is thickly peopled with naked people. Elephants and leopards are abundant. The people brought food for sale to our camp. Beads was the money; cloth was but very little value. We crossed from there to Uganda, and from there to the Albert Nyanza through Unyoro, but had no place to build our camp, while Mr Stanley explored the lake, as we had at the Victoria Nyanza, therefore we returned to Uganda, and from there to Karagwe, and from there to Ujji. We left Karagwe on March 25, and arrived here on May 27. Mr Stanley left on June 11 to explore Tanganyika. I have not heard of him yet, so I cannot say where we shall go from here. But I will write again before leaving Ujji, so for the present I must say good-bye. Hoping soon to see you, and wishing this may find you well and living in Cookham woods with father, I remain your affectionate nephew,  
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Mr William Pocock, Chatham, Kent.

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Lieutenant GAVIN

J. E. MACDONALD, Esq., Hon. Member

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COMPANY and BAND will PARADE for Divine Service at 10.15 a.m. on SUNDAY, the 27th inst.

Non-commissioned Officers' Competition TO-NIGHT.

By order. W. J. BARLOW, Quartermaster Sergeant.

NO. 3 H. R. V.

THE COMPANY will ASSEMBLE for CHURCH PARADE SUNDAY next, the 27th inst., at 10.15 a.m., by invitation of the Thames Scottish Volunteers, at their Hall, Grahamstown.

Full Attendance requested.

J. E. MACDONALD, Captain.

ST. GEORGE'S NAVAL CADETS.

NO DRILL THIS EVENING. Members are requested to Assemble at the usual Parade Ground next SUNDAY, at 9.30 a.m., prepared to attend Divine Service.

ARTHUR D. BENNETT, Captain.

Meetings

MOANATAIRI GOLDMINING COMPANY (REGISTERED.)

AN Extraordinary General MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the large room of the New Zealand Insurance Company's Building, on THURSDAY, the thirty-first day of May, 1877, at one o'clock p.m., for the purpose of passing, if approved, the following resolutions:—

That the Rules of the Company be altered as follows:—

(1) By striking out the words "may be a Director" from the 1st rule, and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "holding one hundred shares in this Company, or in any incorporated Company holding shares in this Company, may be a director."

(2) Rule 6 shall be rescinded, and in lieu thereof "at the general meeting to be held in the year 1878, two of the directors shall retire, such two, unless the directors agree among themselves, to be determined by ballot, and in every subsequent year the two directors longest in office to retire."

By order of the Directors. F. A. WHITE, Manager.

Auckland, 8th May, 1877. 671

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## FAREWELL MASONIC BANQUET

TO REV. J. HILL, P.M. SIR WALTER SCOTT LODGE, TO be held in the Freemasons' Hall, Owen street, Grahamstown, on TUESDAY, MAY 2