

Delmer, Fr. Jean
1947

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Liberty Carillons
251 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, O. R. K.

July 1, 1947

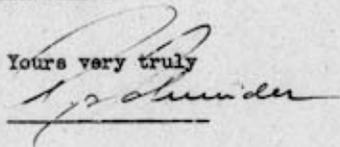
Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
29 Washington Square West
New York 11, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

We wish to acknowledge and thank you for the additional contributions received in this office during the past two weeks towards Father Delmer's Bell.

They are namely, a \$5.00 check and
(2) 1.00 cash bills.

Yours very truly


J. P. Schumaker

AS/v

Handwritten note:
 10/10/1965

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE BELL

The Bell

Mey	1.00
Ripps	1.00
Nagel	2.00
Kerbert	1.00
Myler	1.00
Reid	1.00
Wilkins	1.00
Undercoffer	2.00
Henderson	7.00
Kenedy	2.00
Sandke	50.00
Lape	5.00
Rowe	.50
Tunney	2.00
Buochard	1.00
Anon.	.15
Cohen	2.00
LeBrun	3.00
Anon.	1.00
Farrell	2.00
Jones	3.00
Emfser	1.00
Higgins	1.00
Wittel	2.00
Sporborg	10.00
Michelo	2.00
Morris	100.00
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Carroll	1.00
Schissler	5.00
Snedley	1.00
Sheridan	2.00
Sewell	2.00
Anon.	1.00
Chapin	1.00
Kreig	1.00
Boyd	2.00
Murphy	1.00
Anon.	1.00
Jones, Ralph	1.00
Deck	5.00
Tanquary	1.00
Hunter	1.00
Williams	2.00
Kearney	1.00
Donald	1.00
Jerry	1.00
Callius	1.00
Duffin	1.00
Muller	1.00
Harris	25.00
Donahue	1.00
Nordlinger	10.00

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Murphy	1.00
Grady	1.00
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Boardman	5.00
Groeschel	10.00
Anon.	1.00
Moroney	6.00
Rozernski	1.00
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Bowman	5.00
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Kneisel	1.00
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McIlwraith	3.00
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Rumford	5.00
Doyle	1.00
Carrigan	15.00
Edmonds	3.00
Cleary	1.00

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Hurwitz	2.00
Johnstone	1.00
Ansley	5.00
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Mathias	7.00
Seace	5.00
Prueker	5.00

Denton	2.00
Anon	1.00
Jones	2.00
	816.90
Power	1.00

Liberty Carillons
INCORPORATED
251 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

May 14, 1947

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
29 Washington Square West
New York 11, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

This will acknowledge today's receipt of \$5.00, together with receipts of \$5.00 and \$15.50 toward Father Delmer's Bell, which we received sometime last week.

We thank you for your continued interest and will advise as soon as the bell has been shipped.

Yours very truly

LIBERTY CARILLONS, INC.

J. Justin Smith
President

JAS/as

Liberty Carillons
251 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 11, N. Y.

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16 April 1947

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
29 Washington Square West
New York 11, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

The bell from Mrs. Smith in Washington has arrived. We are putting it in work for it is not in very good shape. When it is ready we will carefully pack and ship it. Meantime, we await instructions from Father Delmer both as to shipment and as to remittance. I shall advise you as soon as we hear.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

Justin Smith
President

JAS/tym

Mr. Robert E. Smith
Washington, D. C.

*Write -
Mrs Smith
a nice
note of thanks*

16 April 1947

My dear Mrs. Smith:

The ball which you have so kindly donated to Father Delmer through the gracious intervention of Mrs. Roosevelt has arrived. We will put it in first class condition and then ship it to the good Father in Tanganyika.

I know that he will enormously appreciate your kindness and you will doubtless hear his thanks directly.

I should like to add my thanks to his, for you have done a fine thing for people who can do so little for themselves.

Sincerely yours,

JAB/tyw

President

Mrs. Edgar W. Smith
Lancaster, Washington

MRS. EDGAR W. SMITH
RT. 1, BOX 13
LANCASTER, WASHINGTON

April 8th 1947

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

I received your letter of March 28
in reply to mine offering the
school bell for Father Selmer in
accordance with your instructions
we are sending the bell by
express to the Liberty Carillons
Inc. New York City. Enclosed
is the Express Co receipt
Hoping the bell will be satis-
factory and thanking you for
the opportunity to assist in
such a worthy cause

I am Sincerely yours,
Jane Smith.

- 1. The weight or quantity stated by shipper, package, invoice, or registration.
- 2. The marks, signs, or stamps of the freight.
- 3. The date of entry, bill of lading, receipt, invoice, packing slip, receipt, or other means of transportation, when such marks, signs, or stamps are stamped on the receipt.
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To Destination Office <i>New York, New York</i>		Shipper <i>Liberty Carillon, Inc.</i>		Date of Shipment <i>4-7-47</i>	
Street Address or Non-Agency Destination <i>231 B 47th Street</i>		Number of Packages <i>1</i>		Address	
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Shipper <i>Mrs. Edgar W. Smith</i>		Class		Total SPACES	
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SHIPPER'S COLLECT RECEIPT

NOTE—The Company will not pay over \$50, in case of loss, or 50 cents per pound, actual weight, for any shipment in excess of 100 pounds, unless a greater value is declared and charges for such greater value paid.

RAILWAY EXPRESS AGENCY

INCORPORATED

Received shipment described herein, subject to the Classifications and Tariffs in effect on the date hereof, value herein declared by Shipper to be that entered in space hereon reading "Declared Value," which the Company agrees to carry upon the terms and conditions printed hereon, to which the Shipper agrees and as evidence thereof accepts this receipt.

<i>F. G. McCormick</i>	Number Pieces <i>1</i>	How <i>1120</i>
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Liberty Carillons
INCORPORATED
231 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 11

18 March 1947

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
29 Washington Square West
New York 11, New York

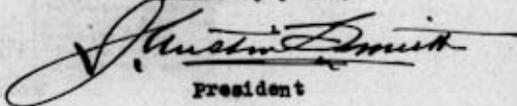
My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I thought that you might like to see this picture of one of the fifty-five bells of our fine Taylor carillon for the Peace Tower of Rainbow Bridge at Niagara Falls.

As I am sure you know, and as you will see at the end of the article, and on the inscription of the largest bell this great carillon is dedicated to Mr. Churchill and your late husband.

The largest bell weighs 18,000 pounds. The carillon is the product of our principal who will cast Father Delmar's bell for Tanganyika.

Sincerely yours,


President

JAS/tym

HOME

AMERICAN ALLIANCE

NECESSARY, SAYS HALIFAX

ax, British Ambassador in 1941-46, yesterday declared that a formal alliance between Britain and the United States did not involve the creation of a new Anglo-American front. He said that a friendship could not be a source of strength to both nations. He personally believes that a formal alliance between two countries is not as substantial as any other, which we believe, is an association of friendship and understanding that common interests sought which are already

MEMBERS LED UP NEW PATH.

LOOKSHANK AND LITURAN BILL.

Lookshank, member for

LOUGHBOROUGH BELLS FOR PEACE TOWER



The largest bell (weighing nine tons) of a 55-bell carillon, made at the Loughborough bell foundry of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., which will soon be on the way to Niagara Falls for erection in the Peace Tower, built on the Canadian side of Rainbow Bridge.

STAGGERED HOURS FOR

TRACTOR SHORTAGE

DEALERS CRITICISED BY NOTTS. FARMERS.

Allegations that dealers and auctioneers were partially responsible for the difficulty farmers were having in obtaining farm tractors were made by Mr. T. Baddiley, of Notts. county N.F.U. Executive Committee, at their meeting at Retford yesterday.

"There is a lot of swindle talked about this tractor shortage," he said. "Look through the agricultural papers and you will find columns of tractor sales advertised. There is a lot of dealing going on in tractors just now and it is not in the farmer's interest nor the country's interest. The auctioneers and machinery dealers are making a very nice thing out of it. There are hundreds of tractors lying idle in their hands. We should find out to what extent it is holding up food production."

Stressing that farmers should not buy American tractors, Mr. Baddiley declared that this country simply had not the dollars to spare. England was having to export home-manufactured tractors in order that the people could be fed. Farmers did not fully realize that Britain had no credit abroad.

"The only way we can get food," he said, "is to send goods. It is no use sending paper money."

Mr. L. G. Kitchen, of Retford, held an opposite view. "Why should the tractor which I want be exported in order to buy food which I could grow if I were allowed to have the tractor?"

WHEAT STOCKS HELD UP

The question of wheat stocks being held up because of priority being given on the railways to coal movement was raised by Mr. W. B. Wood, of South Notts. He pointed out that

BINGHAM COUNCIL IN STEP

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

AFTER a long discussion, Bingham yesterday decided by 17 votes to five to refer the question of Local Government salaries and conditions of officials to a committee.

The step was taken at the instance of Ald. S. C. Armitage, who said times had changed since they decided not to belong to the council, and he did not care for the position they were in concerning working relations between employers and employees, whose association, N.A.L.G.O., was complaining.

"We might or might not win by fighting them. I do not think it matters a great deal. But it is far better for all bodies to belong to this Joint Industrial Council. The great majority of local

55-BELL CARILLON FOR CANADA.

LOUGHBORO' FIRM'S TASK COMPLETE.

Leaving Liverpool soon on the first stage of its journey to the Niagara Falls is a carillon of 55 bells made at the Loughborough bell foundry of Messrs. John Taylor and Co. It is to be erected in the Peace Tower, built on the Canadian side of Rainbow Bridge.

The carillon was ordered by the Niagara Falls Bridge Commission in October, 1941, and three of the bells were cast when the firm had to turn its attention to war work. At the end of the war it was the first bellfounding job to be recommenced in view of its importance to export trade.

On arrival at Halifax, Nova Scotia, the bells will continue the journey by land. It is hoped to have the carillon erected and ready for opening by the late spring of this year.

When erected it will be the largest carillon in Canada. The largest bell weighs nine tons and the total weight is between 50 and 60 tons. These figures compare with the 41 tons of the largest bell of the Loughborough war memorial carillon, which has 47 bells.

The work of installing the carillon will be supervised by Professor Percival Price, carillonneur at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, U.S.A., who has played on the Loughborough carillon and is a recognized authority.

The inscription on the largest bell is as follows:

Ev'n as a bird
Out of the fowler's snare
Escapes away,
By its own wit and free:
Brooks are their nets,
And thus escaped we
Therefore our help
Is in the Lord's great Name
Who Heav'n and Earth
By His great Power did frame
To keep us free and to preserve
The memory of our nation's leaders,
Winston Spencer Churchill and
Franklin Delano Roosevelt

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Liberty Carillons
225 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

13 March 1947

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I hope that you are feeling a little of the thrill and satisfaction which I feel out of this noble thing you have done.

It seems to me that I can almost feel the impact of the gratitude of these far away people you have so beautifully befriended.

Gratefully yours,

Alvin Smith

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
29 Washington Square West
New York 11, New York

13 March 1947

The Rev. Father Jean Delmer
Nyarungu, W. F. (Private Bag)
Nakoba, P. O.
Tanganyika, East Africa

Dear Reverend Father:

Yesterday was a full day for me that continued until well past eleven o'clock before I reached my home, tired and ready for bed. Then, suddenly, I thought of you. It was almost as though you had actually spoken to me. I do not know what time it was with you, but I had a clear and forceful feeling that you were thinking of me, perhaps saying a prayer for me.

The thought came to me that something had happened to advance your appeal for your "Ulaya". I dressed and went out for a paper to see if, perhaps, the appeal Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, the widow of our late President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, had so graciously promised to make had been printed. I stood at the newsstand and opened the paper at random and there -- in headlines at the top of the page -- the words "A Bell for Africa" leaped at me. I can tell you it was a thrilling experience.

It means that you can discard the feeling that "everybody is forgetting" you and your people. For today tens of thousands of persons know about you and them, and have felt a tug at their heart strings in the reading of your letter to me. This is not a whole answer to your prayer, for it is too early for the gifts to arrive. But surely it is a partial answer which shortly will be made an abundant one.

I thought you would like to know about this so you could tell your people there of all the people here who are thinking of them.

I thought too, you and they might wish to say a thank you prayer for the kind way in which this gracious lady has employed her talents and her opportunity for you and for them.

Earnestly and sincerely,

JAS/tym

President



W.F. Mission of Nyaruonga
Bukoba. P.O.
pirab bag
Tanganyika

Dear Mr. Smith

I have been very moved by your so kind letter and I don't know - chiefly in my (poor English) how I can make you feel my deep gratitude: you are giving such a wonderful, disinterested mark of sympathy to an unknown (poor) mission - very lost in the African bush. How much good must be done, if sometimes here below we can find such magnificent souls.... you did not make that good action for your dear Jean deon Sir, but for our Lord, and He will thank you and bless you for me, you see He said He will acknowledge even the glass of water given in His name. all I can do myself, is to keep your souvenir in my prayers and in the Holy Sacrifice. May He bless you, and all who are dear to you.

I will write to you afterwards. Once more your dear Jean thanks you "de tout coeur."
Yours sincerely,

Father Jean Delmer
W.F.



Millons
10 AVENUE
NEW YORK

31 March 1947

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
29 Washington Square West
New York 11, New York

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

All that the good father says in this letter
about me, of course applies to you for none of this
would have been possible except for your gracious help.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence Breet
President

JAS/tym

Encls:

51 March 1947

The Reverend Father Jean Delmer
White Fathers Mission of Nyarugoga
Bukoba, P. O. (Private Bag)
Tanganyika, East Africa

Dear Father Delmer:

I am pleased and grateful to you for your letter of March 10th. Your bell will not be cast in England as we had anticipated. A lady from the state of Washington has given you a bell free of charge. It will be shipped to New York where we will place it in first class condition and then ship it to you. The money which has been given towards the purchase of the English bell will not be required beyond a small portion for re-conditioning your bell. The balance will be sent to you for educational and other purposes in your parish.

Will you please let me know by return mail first how this money may be sent to you and secondly give me any information you can about the best way to ship the bell and to what port it should be sent.

When the bell is being carried through the country and is being hung, I would appreciate it if you would send me some pictures of this procedure.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

JAB/tym

President

March 28, 1947

My dear Mrs. Smith:

It is more than kind of you to offer to give your school bell to Father Delmer for his mission in Africa.

I talked to the President of the Liberty Carillon Company and he is very grateful too, for your offer. He suggests that you send it by freight collect to:

Liberty Carillons, Inc.
231 East 47th Street
New York, N. Y.

The company will put it in order by cleaning it if necessary and they will use a preparation which will prevent damage from salt air, and ship it to Father Delmer. If you find that express is not too much more expensive than freight, perhaps you can send it by express, collect.

Your very generous offer of this bell means that the money which has come in for a bell can be sent to the Priest for medical supplies, etc. which he sorely needs.

With many, many thanks, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

BEST WHEAT

REGISTERED SHORTHORN CATTLE

EDGAR W. SMITH & SON

ROUTE 1, BOX 13

LANCASTER, WASHINGTON

Send Bell back
March 17th

Dear Mrs. Russell.

A few days ago in "My Day" you told of a request from a Missionary in Africa for a bell.

I am writing to tell you that we have a school bell which has served on the District School, recently consolidated with a larger district.

We would be glad to give this bell, crate and ship same freight charges C.O.D. if you think this is what the missionary can use.

The bell is about 18 inches high and 66 inches in circumference at base. It is mounted and rings by a rope. It weighs about 150 lbs or more. Seems in good condition.

Even if this is not what you want I send to you good wishes for your success in whatever help can be arranged for this worthy missionary. Hoping to hear from you.

With regard - Mrs. Edgar W. Smith

Liberty Carillons
251 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

19 June, 1947

JAS

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt,
29 Washington Square West,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Enclosed herewith is a letter to
Mrs. Smith in the State of Washington, which
I have sent to her in connection with a memo
from Father Delmar asking that I do so.

Sincerely,

Glenn Smith
President

JAS/g
Enc.



For: Mrs. Roosevelt

19 June, 1947

Mrs. Edgar W. Smith,
Lancaster,
Washington

Dear Mrs. Smith:

I have received the enclosed note from Father Delmar of Tanganyika. From it you will observe that he has sent to us a letter to be passed on to you.

We are happy to send it to you and I am sure that you will find in it an outpouring of his gratitude for your generosity.

We reconditioned your bell and sent it to Father Delmar some weeks ago. By this time it must be getting near to Tanganyika. Thank you very much for your kindness in making this bell available to Mrs. Roosevelt who so graciously brought Father Delmar's dreams to a realization.

Sincerely yours,

JAS/G
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Liberty Carillons
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NEW YORK 11, N.Y.

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8 April 1947

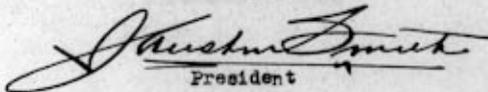
Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
29 Washington Square West
New York 11, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

There is enclosed a copy of a letter
which I received today from Father Jean Delmer.

As you will note, he has sent me a
letter to you with the request that I forward it.
I am happy to do this. This is a noble thing you
are doing and I know you must be happy about it in-
side yourself.

Sincerely yours,


President

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Father Jean Delmer
W. F. Mission
Nyaruonga
Bukoba, P.O.
Tanyanyika

Dear Mr. Smith,

This evening your letter (13 Mar.) reached Nyaruonga, now night is on the way, but how could I go and sleep -- my heart is too heavy with thankfulness ...!

I wished to write at once ~~some words~~ of "merci" to that splendid Madame Roosevelt (I hope you will kindly forward to her). I am too deeply moved also to try just now to express (in my always laborious English!) my feeling of joy and gratitude. Yet our weekly mail will start tomorrow morning for Bukoba, I can't wait another long week to make a little order in my heart! Adapt it just in this present state of unsettled emotion. God may bless you, dear Mr. Smith, tomorrow morning is the "Memento" of the Holy Sacrifice, my thoughts will linger on your name.

Yours sincerely,

poor Pere Jean

White Father,
Bukoba. P.O.
Tanganyika

Madame,

Par l'aimable entremise de Monsieur Austin Smith
(Liberty Carillon) j'ai pu lire ce soir l'appel que vous avez fait
insérer dans le "New York World Telegram". Vous dire combien
j'ai été ému...! Qu'un obscur missionnaire perdu dans la
brousse africaine, ait l'insigne privilège de voir son timide
S.O.S. repêché et souligné si pathétiquement par une aussi
éminente personnalité...! J'en suis tout bouleversé et me
sens incapable à vous exprimer ma gratitude. - Combien j'ai
été touché par ces lignes: "... I love the bells... I know that
they can give inspiration when the spirit is weary and when
human frailty makes me lag in well-doing...!" Vous avez touché
ce mot dans votre cœur, Madame, et il va droit au cœur
du pauvre missionnaire. Je prie Notre-Seigneur de vos remerciements
à ma place - lui seul le peut faire, et à Sa mesure. c'est
au centuple, lui qui a promis de reconnaître jusqu'au
simple verre d'eau donné en son nom...

Au cœur du "Dark Continent" une voix harmonieuse
prophétisera votre geste magnifique et l'étonnant souvenir
du grand Président. - O que je voudrais, Madame, que vos
sentiments dans cet humble missive l'immense reconnaissance
du pauvre Père Jean!

Cher ami

En vous priant aussi d'agréer
Madame
mes hommages très respectueux,

Père Jean Delmer.

W.F.



[Fr. Delmer]

Je vous en remercie

Fr. Jean Delmer

W.F.



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Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
29 Washington Square West
New-York 11, N.Y.
U.S.A.



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Liberty Carillons
INCORPORATED
301 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

14 July 1947.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt,
29 Washington Square West,
New York 11, New York.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

These are such fine letters I thought
you would like to feel their warmth and gratefulness
and so send them to you.

Sincerely,

Justin Smith
President

JAS/ad
Encl.

Laurel, Washington
July 1st 1947.

Mr. J. Austin Smith.
Liberty Carillons
551 - Fifth Ave.
New York.

Dear Mr. Smith:

I wish to thank you for your very kind letter and also for sending on to me the letter from Father Selmer to which I have replied as per copy enclosed. He is really happy over the bell and how grateful we all are to Mrs. Roosevelt for making known his need and letting us share in the joy of granting his wish.

Perhaps sometime you may be coming to the west coast either on business or for pleasure in which case do keep in mind that our ranch is just south of Spokane and Mr. Smith and I would be very happy to have you look in on us.

Very cordially
(Mrs. Edman W.) Irene Smith

The family join with me in sending to you our hearty good wishes and pray all the good there is be yours now and forever.

July 1, 1947

Best sincerely,

Dear Father Delmer:

(Signed) Irene Smith

Thanks so much for your fine letter which reached me a few days ago, forwarded from New York. You see I am happy too to have had even a small part in giving you such pleasure. However Mrs. Roosevelt, Liberty Carillons and the many who sent contributions are the ones who deserve the real credit in making it possible for the bell to be sent to you and so fulfill your hearts desire.

We are all happy over the whole affair and I trust that the bell will ring out loud and long and bring joy to all who hear and heed its call.

This particular bell has been in service for about two generations in a little country schoolhouse almost on our own wheat and cattle ranch here in eastern Washington. Now that it is no longer needed to remind the children to come into the school room (for the school was consolidated with another district and the children now go by bus to the near-by town), how grand that it was possible for this bell to travel to such a far off spot and once more ring out and call the people to your mission.

I have located your post office on the map and although you are a tremendously long distance from here you do seem a trifle nearer than when I first read about you in Mrs. Roosevelt's column in the newspaper, when she told of your letter to her and your desire for a bell.

Yes dear Father, I do remember you in my prayers each night and I know that God does bless you abundantly for your courage and your life of devotion in helping the many in that remote part of the world who are in need and hungry for spiritual food.

I am most happy to have heard from you and shall indeed welcome a letter from you when-ever you can find time to write and tell me more about yourself and your work there.

Mr. Smith and I spend a great deal of time here on our very large wheat and cattle ranch. We have two fine sons, both married and five grand children, three little girls and two little boys ranging in age from four months to four and a half years, so you see we are greatly blest.

The family join with me in sending to you our hearty good wishes and may all the good there is be yours now and forever.

Most sincerely,

(Signed) Irene Smith
(Mrs. Edgar W.)

I have just received the money which you sent me for the bill of the check. I will send the \$10.00 to the "American" of Portland to take the necessary steps that the bill may find its way slowly to our window. I am glad it will make a more long run for you at least to have than for your gift to me as before. But it will remain in the bank as long as it takes to get to the bank as a matter of course. I am sure you will not mind my not coming home at this time of year. I am sure you will not mind my not coming home at this time of year. I am sure you will not mind my not coming home at this time of year.

Once more, please do not think me the expression of my thankfulness. I am sure you will always be as friendly as ever to my family. I have received a very fine gift from you. I am sure you will not mind my not coming home at this time of year. I am sure you will not mind my not coming home at this time of year.

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(Please, henceforward take this
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by USUMBURA. P.O. (Belgian Congo)

Dear Mr. Smith

I have just received the document: invoice + certificate
for the bell + the cheque. I will ask the
R. Yatta "Procureur" of Bukoba to take the
necessary steps that the bell may find its way
slowly to our mission. I am afraid it will
take a more long time from Dar es Salaam
to here than from New York to Dar es Salaam
but it will come in the best way
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counting time, or let us say, of not counting
time! not to worry about delay of minutes,
days and months. The natives of ex.
never know their own age, and they can not
help to wonder why we white, strange
people are interested with such an idle question.
Once more, dear Mr. Smith find here
the expression of my thankfulness. Words seem
to me always so insufficient, unequal to my
deep feelings, dear Mr. Smith. Never I have
received such a significant help as such you
are giving to me so delicately with such
spontaneous sympathy, and I am only a poor

humble missionary among thousands
more worthy than myself of your generosity.
But "What I have I give it to you"
found, unforgettable "reconnaissance", conveyed
in a daily, earnest "souvenir" before the Lord.

This word is for you, dear Mrs. Smith, but I
should be grateful if you would by yourself to
convey my "reconnaissance" also to Mrs.
Roosevelt: just a private "merci" to let you
know (not for publication), that she may
be assured that unknown for Catholic first
she has helped so offensively will always, until
his death, bless her souvenir and have her
memory in his prayers. - Please, try, dear
Mrs. Smith to have my "merci" reach her heart.

- Take up address, "de'sormais" not via Bukoba
but by Usumbara (ruya). I must return to hospital
for a few times (another series of operations) then I
will stay here at my yaga (near Ujirwony, as I
told you,) where I can have better climate, food and
the white sister near by. - Adieu, dear Mrs. Smith
you see, my eyes are getting wet when I read
such a line as you last one: "I wish to thank you
for the pleasure and the joy all of us have had in being
privileged to be of some service to you" - You are saying
this word, to our dear Lord Jesus, Mrs. Smith, not to me...
I know He will bless you for such an exquisite charity.
Yours sincerely,
Fr. Jean Delmas

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MERRY AND PLAYFUL, carefree and
affectionate, she is the daughter of a
missionary.

Agnes Alibayagadde

A young girl
redeemed from
slavery by the
Mission.

A Courageous Child

privileged situation of the young Gurunga girl is that she represents a sort of living capital capable of yielding even by anticipation. It sometimes happens that a loyal subject, desirous of being in favor with his Negro king, will promise him his first-born girl as a wife: a promissory gift greatly appreciated by old polygamists. Or again a wealthy man will give a cow, a goat or even cash to a neighbor in financial straits on the express terms that, in due time, he shall receive in return such or such a girl, living or yet to be born. Actual slavery, of course, is no longer supposed to exist in Africa; but does this kind of a deal differ much from slavery? The native girl, however, takes all this for granted. She wouldn't dream of choosing her own husband. "Is a woman her own master?" she will say, unconcerned and submissive.

Such customs explain the main reason why pagans keep their daughters away from the mission school. Here the girls find out that women are not slaves, that they have rights also, that courts have been set up to protect them against injustice. When she has been baptized, the Gurunga girl is sometimes obliged to choose between the dictates of her conscience and the will of her pagan father. Such was the case of Agnes Alibayagadde.

With the consent of her father, Agnes had been baptized at the mission. Regularly she would go to church to receive the sacraments and pray for the conversion of her father, Moukadde. One day, when she returned to the family hut, she found her father unusually glum and taciturn. Finally he spoke up.

"Daughter," he asked, "do you love me?"

"Of course I do," was the prompt reply. "You have always been kind to me. Moreover the God I now worship commands me to cherish my father, to respect him, to obey him in all that is not contrary to His holy law."

"Well," Moukadde continued coaxingly, "if you love me truly and sincerely you must prove it today. You have but one word to say to make your father happy . . ."

"Father," Agnes said with keen anticipation in her voice, "I am your daughter; what can I do to make you happy?"

With eyes riveted to the ground ahead of him, the old pagan started talking faster as though to convince himself that he was doing the right thing. "A distinguished visitor was in to see me," he said. "He told me of the deep affection he feels for you; in fact he wants to marry you. If you will have him, he will put an end to my poverty. He is a rich man; he will give anything I ask to have you. What answer shall I give him?"

Agnes Parries

Sensing the truth, Agnes squatted down on the beaten-earth floor of the hut, facing her father. "And who is this young man who wants to marry me?" she asked with apprehension.

"Benjamin, chief of Kasozi village," was the laconic reply.

"But, father, he is not a Catholic," Agnes remarked with surprise.

Moukadde now looked his daughter in the eyes and asked pleadingly:

their petitions known to the spirit.

When this act of adoration is over the whole congregation, still singing, leaves the hut and goes to the family altar (which exists in every village). Silence falls while all sit around the altar quietly meditating. Then all rise and return to the hut.

The high-priest now moistens a sprinkler and strikes it with his hand, aspersing the assembled people who are murmuring prayers to the spirit. The round sprinkler which is used for this ceremony represents the heavens from which the high-priest causes blessings to fall upon his clients.

A pagan "communion" follows. A generous quantity of sacrificial beer is brought in. The bowl is passed around and each drinks in turn, after which the assembly is dismissed. Quite like our "Ita missa est"! This ends the religious ceremony for that day; but the feasting and the celebration will last part of the night. The initiated, now being possessed by the devil and having lost their individuality, know no restraint. The obscenity which ensues is but the devil's seal upon this whole sacrificial parody.

On the following evening the ceremonials are taken up again. After sunset the hymn of adoration is sung and a procession is formed which goes to the river. The high-priest leads the way carrying the sacred lance; he is followed by the members of the sect; the one being initiated brings up the rear. A bowl of beer is set on the river bank, and all profane would-be spectators are chased away.

Name Given

The catechumen is pushed into the river, where the high-priest follows him carrying a decorated ladle. Dipping this into the river he sprinkles water in front and back of himself then asperges the catechumen. One of the senior members of the sect now takes the neophyte aside and whispers the secret password. The latter is then stripped and smeared all over with magic oil. He is then made to drink some of this oil with the imprecation: "If you betray the secret, may it split your head open!" In some villages

the neophyte is given a pebble and told to swallow it with all that he has seen during the ceremonies. If he does not keep the secret, the stone, he is warned, will split his stomach open. Needless to say, the secret is never divulged. Even a woman wouldn't dare speak of the initiation ceremonies with her husband.

The procession returns to the domestic altar and a fire is lighted: the fire of the Spirit-King. The neophyte sits nearby and is presented to the spirit by the high-priest with these words: "Husband of my mother, now bestow a name upon this newly initiated member." After a pause the high-priest gives the name by which KIRANGA (the devil) wants the neophyte to be called, and announces that the spirit wants a tankard of beer to be paid the high-priest for his services. The whole congregation lets out a terrifying screech, like the howl of a dog. When the uproar has subsided, intoxicating powder is mixed with the beer and the orgy begins for the night . . .

Confirmation

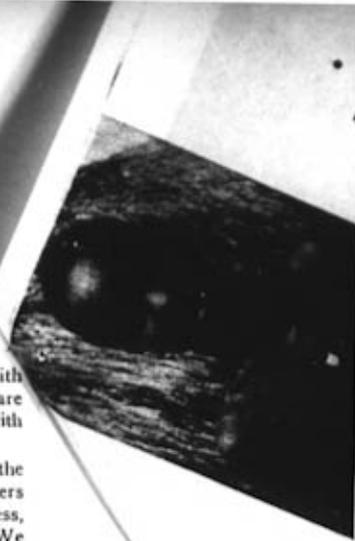
This "baptism" and giving of a name is not all; the neophyte is yet to be "confirmed." The high-priest prepares for this last trial by sitting on a small stool set upon a heap of sharp thorns carefully covered with grass. The blissfully ignorant neophyte is invited to sit upon the outstretched knees of the high-priest, who slowly spreads out his legs and gently lets his unsuspecting disciple come into contact with the thorns! If the candidate can stand the pain, he is deemed worthy of becoming a member of the sect and is helped to his feet. In the meantime his sponsors join the senior assistants in singing a sort of obscene and ironical litany to the neophyte and to KIRANDA himself. The former is mockingly called a young monkey, and the latter given an obscene name. The neophyte is then told: "To-day you have become a member of the sect of . . . (this obscene name)". This is but another proof of how vile these ceremonies are which the devil substitutes for the sacraments of God's Church.

All then smear themselves with streaks of white clay; the rattles are shaken and the ceremony ends with a chant.

As you see, dear Reader, the battle is still on between the powers of light and the powers of darkness, between Heaven and Hell. We know that "the gates of hell shall not prevail" and that truth will triumph in the end. But God wants to use us as instruments of the triumph of His Church; and the reward will be proportioned to our zeal for the salvation of souls.

In my mission post (Nyarwonga) many children of witch-doctors are now Christians. By their fervor they are making amends for the misdeeds of their forefathers.

I am sending with this article an authentic photograph of one of our pagan witch-doctors, and the photo of his catholic son. The latter, a former member of the sect of KIRANGA, is now one of my Mass servers. He is very pious, and I would not be surprised if he asked to be admitted to the seminary. The son of a witchdoctor becoming a priest of the true God: what a triumph of grace that would be!



supernatural character. "God will reward you a hundredfold," I promised. "He will write your names in His big account book; not a single one of you will be forgotten." Once more work was resumed. Naturally I had to pay, from my own purse, for the straw and string that were necessary to thatch the roof.

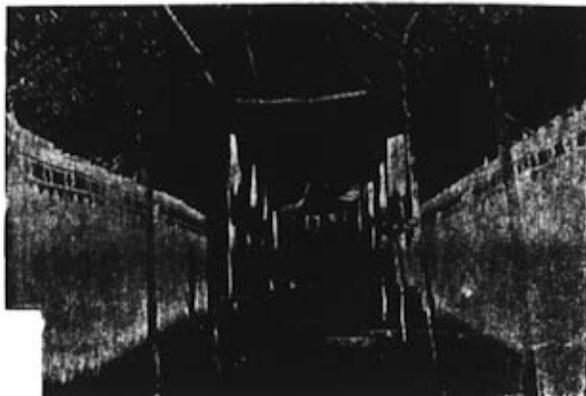
One month had sufficed to erect the chapel. True it is, I had been obliged to stimulate the zeal of the workmen now and then either by distributing tobacco and kola nuts or by working myself. This latter method surprised them immensely; because, in Africa, White men usually supervise the natives but do not work themselves.

The "house of God," 30 ft. by 20, is neat and well proportioned. I made the doors and windows myself with whatever material I could find. The brick altar was the finishing touch. For this work the converts helped me most willingly; for they appreciate the Sacrifice of the Mass which is offered on the altars of our churches.

Feast Day

But I had promised a day of rejoicing for the blessing of the chapel. The workmen were looking forward to it. . . . On the appointed day Christians and pagans arrived early. I blessed the church and said Mass. After the ceremonies I told the congregation how happy I was at having celebrated Mass in a chapel blessed by myself and built under my personal supervision. I thanked all those, who through love for God, had done their bit towards the erection of the building. I endeavored to impress upon their minds that the reward would be more spiritual than temporal. "When we have worked generously for God," I assured them, "He always rewards us, in this life or in life everlasting, for His memory is most faithful. He will not forget what you have done here for Him." Some didn't seem very much impressed; they had expected a more tangible reward! But all anxiety quickly vanished when I announced that everything was ready outside for the feast.

Millet cakes, of which they are so fond, were passed around. When musicians struck up popular airs on



A village church.

their crude instruments, the whole village joined in the rejoicing. I even received the visit of a delegation of the important men of the district. After the customary exchange of greetings, they inspected this new building which they had heard talk about. They could not but admire its neatness and coziness.

But listen to those drums beating! The men are dancing around in a frenzy: jumping, shouting, howling. Plenty of noise and exercise seem to be the essentials in the native dances in these parts. After a drink of native beer, they become still more boisterous.

Such was the programme for the day. Negro with the Negroes, I had to eat my share of native food and taste the beer. Is it a wonder that I was glad when that day's work was over! I had been obliged to chaperon the party continually; for, here as in civilized countries, some are tempted to tip up the jug too often. . . .

At five o'clock all gathered around the chapel. "Friends," I said, "I had promised a day of public rejoicing; I have kept my word, as you can all testify. You have eaten, danced and drunk beer. I even shared your sports, because I am pleased with you. But don't forget that, if there is a time for rejoicing, there is also a time for serious thought now and then. Life is a serious affair. God did not create us that we might eat and dance only, but that we might do as He commands. If I were to ask you what the object of life is,

many of you would be at pains to say what their aim is and what must be done to please God and save their souls. . . . Be it known, you may easily learn the truth hereafter; for you now possess a House of God in your own village. So you will be without excuse for ignorance. If the devil carries you off to Hell at the end of your life, you won't be able to accuse God or myself!"

Expectations

An old man then spoke up in the name of all present. "Our hearts are full of joy," he exclaimed, "we call God to witness. He is the Father of all, we know; and a further proof He has given us to-day. Our children have found in you also a real father; without fear we will let them come to you to learn the way to Heaven. We know that you have the truth. As for us, the old-timers, our intelligence is on the wane; we cannot grasp the wonderful things you teach. But our children will help us on the way to the truth. Come and guide us yourself. Thank you!"

Useless to add that I felt amply rewarded for the trouble I had taken to build this chapel. The whole district is now interested in my work; even the pagans consider the building as "their own." They will no longer keep their children away from our school. And when the children have been won over, the old-timers themselves will become converts before they leave this world.