

## 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 Unyanyembe, 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 narratives, 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 our brothers, for the people of our village all hold other ways, 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,  
FRANCIS POCCOCK.  
Mr William Pocock, Chatham, Kent.

Ujji, Lake Tanganyika, Central Africa, Aug. 23, 1876.  
My Dear Parents—It is now nearly two years since we left the coast. I did not expect to see or hear anything before we reached Ujji, but here we saw no letters or papers from Europe; not a word of consolation did we find on our arrival. We found the whole village infected with small-pox and fever, and many other diseases. This was not very good news for us after marching for two months through mud and water, and no new from home. We fully expected some letters, but if they were sent from the coast they must have been lost or stolen. Then again they must have passed here and followed Cameron, because the Arabs know nothing of our writing; all they know, it is white man's writing (Kuzungu), therefore they may have passed here. We arrived on the 27th May, 1876. On the road I wrote one letter. It was sent to Unyanyembe, only ten days from where I sent it. We had come within two months of the Coast. Then we struck off west to Ujji. After reaching here I wrote to mother. That was sent to Unyanyembe with Mr S's letters by five men. It is now three months since they left here, and they have not returned. Their mission was to take our letters and to return to Ujji with home news; but we have heard nothing of them, and it is feared that they are lost. Mr Stanley was 61 days on the Tanganyika to explore it. It is very large, fish abundant, and the natives are more of a friendly nature than the savages of the Victoria Nyanza. They make trade with corn, palm oil, &c., and the Arabs trade with ivory, and slaves, which are brought chiefly to Ujji.

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My dear parents—We have made a good round, but have not yet finished. We have discovered the source of the Nile, and now are on the way to finish Dr Livingstone's great task. We leave Ujji to-morrow to cross Tanganyika, to solve the mystery concerning the Nile and the Congo. When we reach Nyangwe we shall hear more about it. We have three ways to go, but which one to take we cannot say. Anyway, if we can get to the West Coast from there we can get home in good time. But if we have to return by Zanzibar it will be a long journey, but that will be best known to us. We only hear of the road S.W. of us, but the route we want to follow we hear but little about. I hope that by the time this reaches you we shall be done our work and on our road home.

There has been much sickness here but things look brighter. I have had three severe attacks of fever, but, thank God, I am in good health now, and if all goes well I hope to see you again next summer. I often wonder if you are all well, and that is all I can do; for I seem to be always marching under a burning sun, with thirsty lips and tongue; but it is a life I like, there are so many changes and so many tribes, so many countries nearly all different. The slave trade is carried on here in a dreadful manner. It would surprise you to see the whips and chains and the way the slaves are treated by their masters, the Arabs.

My dear parents—Excuse this short note, for I have much to do to-day, and to-morrow morning we shall go from here five days' journey to Ugha; from there to Nyangwe, 40 days; then along the great river, about 50 or 60 days; but I cannot tell you all. Give my love to all and everybody. I cannot mention names. You will forward the notes enclosed. I dare say you think me lost, but I am still in good health and happy, for such a climate. Our goods are getting short, but we have enough to find out the river. Our road ahead by all accounts is good, food plentiful, and nice people.

If we can get a road to the West Coast we shall go, and the Wanguana will return to Zanzibar. I can assure you I am longing to see you all, to get some English food and more clothes and shoes and other comforts that cannot be got here. Perhaps Jim or Harry will say, "Why don't you write to me?" but I cannot write to all. I only wish I had one word from home; I would not care who it came from. I have written to George and William, and you must send my news to all the others. But the neighbors, I should think, have quite forgotten me by this time. I am in a hurry, therefore I must say good-bye for the present. Give my love to all, kiss all the children for me, and believe me to be your affectionate and loving son,  
F. J. POCCOCK.

Two ragged little urchins were standing in the gutter looking at a lady who had just fallen down on the pavement. "It is so much that I like oranges," observed one of them, "but what a lot of people you can bring down with the peel!"  
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Lieutenant GAVIN

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E. T. WILDMAN, Esq., Do.

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WINTER STOCK OF MILLINERY just received. 390

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## Masonic

## FAREWELL MASONIC BANQUET

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REV. J. HILL,

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BANQUET AT 8. 753

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## Electoral

## BOROUGH OF THAMES.

## ELECTION OF AUDITORS.

ALEX. HUME begs respectfully to announce that he is a CANDIDATE for the Office of AUDITOR for the Borough of Thames, and solicits the votes of Burgesses. Thames, May 22nd, 1877. 752

CAPTAIN E. H. POWER is a CANDIDATE for the Office of AUDITOR of ACCOUNTS for the Borough of Thames, and hopes to merit the Support of his fellow-burgesses.

## BOROUGH OF THAMES.

## ELECTION OF AUDITORS.

ROBT. M. MITCHELL respectfully announces that he is a Candidate for RE-ELECTION, and solicits the support of the Burgesses. Thames, 19th May, 1877. 727

TO THE BURGESSES OF THE BOROUGH OF THAMES.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to announce that I am a CANDIDATE for the Office of one of the AUDITORS of the Borough, and respectfully solicit your Votes.

Thames, 18th May, 1877. 715

TO THE BURGESSES OF THE BOROUGH OF THAMES.

ELECTION OF AUDITORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—I beg respectfully to Solicit your Suffrages at the ensuing ELECTION of AUDITORS, and to assure you that if I have the honor to be RE-ELECTED, I shall perform the duties to the best of my ability.

FRANK R. G. WOODWARD.  
May 15, 1877.

## Government Notices

HAURAKI GOLD MINING DISTRICT.

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 41 AND 84 OF THE GOLDMINING DISTRICTS ACT, 1873.

APPLICATION FOR LICENSE TO CONSTRUCT A WATER RACE.

Warden's Office, Grahams Town, 22nd May, 1877.

A APPLICATION has been made by John D. Wickham for a license to construct a Water Race for Mining purposes at Tairua, commencing at termination of the Ajax G.M. Co.'s Water Race, and terminating at a point about 200 yards below the Tairua Company's old battery site on main Creek. The