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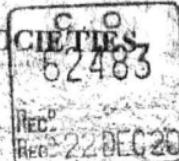
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EDINBURGH HOUSE,

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(Two minutes from Sloane Square Station).

21st December, 1910.

The Rt. Hon. Viscount Milner, J.C.P.
G.C.M.G.,
The Colonial Office, S.W.1.

My Lord,

I submitted confidentially to the Standing Committee of the Conference of Missionary Societies at its meeting on the 17th and 18th instant a report of our interview with your Lordship on labour in East Africa, and several hours were given to the general consideration of the subject.

The Committee desired to express their cordial appreciation of the sympathetic way in which you received the representations made to you.

If as we hope a Royal Commission is appointed

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appointed to inquire into the questions raised, I was directed by the Standing Committee to ask whether in view of the large interests which the missionary societies have in the native populations of East Africa and in particular of their responsibility for the greater part (and in some areas for the whole) of native education, you will consider how provision can best be made for the adequate representation of the missionary standpoint to the Commission.

I was asked further to inform your Lordship that the missionary societies have a large body of evidence from their most experienced and trusted missionaries, who are in intimate touch with the native populations, that gives rise to real anxiety, not as to the intentions of Government, but as to the effect upon native life of the pressure of Western civilisation and economic interests and as to the grave unrest and suffering of feeling at the present time among large sections of the native populations. The missionary societies are convinced that conditions in East Africa are such that an inquiry is urgently needed.

Striking evidence was brought forward at the meeting of the strong and widespread feeling regarding the proper/

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proper discharge of our obligations of trusteeship which exists throughout the country, not only in the constituencies of the missionary societies, but among many who have not in the past identified themselves with missionary effort. Wherever the matters dealt with in the memorandum submitted to your Lordship have during the past few months been brought before a public audience, the keenest interest has been evoked. We have no doubt that you will recognise that in view of the feeling which has been aroused it is not possible to restrain agitation indefinitely, and that in any steps that may be taken time is an important consideration.

I reported to the Committee the suggestion made by your Lordship at the interview that if there is to be an inquiry it may have to be of somewhat wider scope than the proposals contained in the memorandum. If this should be necessary, the Committee believe that you will attach the same importance as they do to making inquiry into the obligations of trusteeship a primary object of the Commission and to ensuring that the particular questions for investigation mentioned in the

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The Rt. Hon. Viscount Milner:

the memorandum receive thorough examination.

Very truly yours,
Your Lordship's Obedient Servt,

J. G. Oldham

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Sir, 29 Decr. 1920

I am to thank the next

of your letter of the 21st of

December and to request you
to inform the Standing Committee

of the Conference of Missionary
Societies that their representation

conveyed in your letter, which
was written in East Africa, and
because in full consideration

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to receive to furnished with
any actual evidence of abuse
which may be in the possession
of the Standing Committee.

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Secretary

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Mr. Batterby 24/12/20

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Sir H. Lambert.

Sir H. Read.

Sir G. Riddes.

Col. Aperry

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