

MRS. LIVINGSTONE'S GRAVE.

BY PROFESSOR DRUMMOND.

Professor Drummond, at Chautauqua, told of his visit in the heart of Africa to the grave of David Livingstone's wife—Dr. Moffat's daughter: "We went to spend the night within a few yards of the place where Mrs. Livingstone died.

Late in the afternoon we reached the spot—a low, ruined hut a hundred yards from the river's bank, with a broad veranda shading its crumbling walls. A grass-grown path straggled to the doorway, and the fresh print of a hippopotamus told how neglected the spot is now. Pushing the door open, we found ourselves in a long, dark room, its mud floor broken into fragments, and remains of native fires betrayed its late occupants. Turning to the right, we entered a smaller chamber, the walls bare and stained, with two glassless windows facing the river.

The evening sun setting over the far-off Morumballa Mountains filled the room with its soft glow, and took our thoughts back to that Sunday evening twenty years ago, when in the same bed-room at the same time Livingstone knelt over his dying wife and witnessed the sunset of his life. Under a huge baobab tree—a miracle of vegetable vitality and luxuriance—is Mrs. Livingstone's grave.

The picture in Livingstone's book represents the place as well kept, and surrounded with neatly planted trees. But now it is an utter wilderness, matted with jungle grass and trodden by the beasts of the forest. And as I looked at the forsaken mound and contrasted it with her husband's marble tomb in Westminster Abbey, I thought perhaps the woman's love which brought her to a spot like this might be not less worthy of immortality."

THE DAY OF REST.

Yoke-fellows! think how the abstraction of the Sabbath would hopelessly enslave the working classes with whom we are identified. Think of labour thus going on in one monotonous, and continuous, and eternal cycle—limbs for ever on the rack; the fingers for ever playing; the eyeballs for ever straining; the brow for ever sweating; the feet forever plodding; the brain for ever throbbing; the shoulders for ever drooping; the loins for ever aching; and the restless mind for ever scheming.

Think of the beauty it would efface; of the merry-heartedness it would extinguish of the giant strength it would tame; of the resources of nature that it would exhaust; of the aspirations it would crush; of sickness it would breed: of the projects it would wreck; of the groans it would extort; of the lives it would immolate; of the cheerless graves it would prematurely dig.

See them toiling and moiling, sweating and fretting, grinding and hewing, weaving and spinning, sowing and gathering, mowing and reaping, raising and building, digging and planting, unloading and storing, striving and struggling—in the garden and in the field, in the granary and in the barn, in the factory and in the mill, in the warehouse and in the shop, on the mountain and in the ditch, on the roadside and in the wood, in the city and in the country, on the sea and on the shore, on the earth in days of brightness and of gloom. What a sad picture would the world present if we had no Sabbath!

Prize Essay on the Sabbath.

HISTORY OF THE ENGLISH BIBLE.

Wycliffe's translation from the Vulgate, 1381.

Tyndale's translation from the original, 1525.

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The "Thomas Matthew" Bible. A compilation. By John Rogers. 1537. Revised edition. By Richard Tanner. 1539.

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The Geneva Version. By English refugees. From the original Hebrew and Greek, 1560.

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The King James Version, 1611.

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WHAT A WASTE AND SIN.

M. Gervais a French authority, says there are men capable of bearing arms—in Germany, 5,000,000; in France, 4,500,000; in Austria-Hungary, 1,800,000; in Italy, 2,000,000; in England, 800,000; in Russia, 6,000,000; and all the other European States, 4,000,000. That gives a total of 24,100,000. Of that number, 10,000,000 are trained Soldiers.