

Mr. Stanley's Services to Missions.

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Dr. Livingstone himself set before Mr. Stanley the ideal missionary, and created in his mind a profound conviction of the value and grandeur of foreign missions.

Some years ago, Mr. Stanley remarked that "the enterprising and the adventurous idea of a missionary until he saw Livingstone, and then he recognized what a type of noble physical, and spiritual manhood, a fine good missionary and a good man could be."

The consequences of the meeting between the young journalist and the famous explorer at Ujiji on Tanganyika, in 1871, were illustrated daily in the broadening pathway for the advance of commerce, philanthropy, and Christianity in Africa.

Mr. Stanley's first endeavors towards the Christianizing of Africa's millions date from the historic Uganda letter of April 15, 1875, which he despatched to the columns of the London Daily Telegraph and New York Herald.

He alluded to his own efforts to acquaint King Mtesa with the gospel, following it by a fervid appeal: "Oh that some pious, practical missionary would come here, that a field and harvest ripe for the sickle of civilization, if in the practical Christian tutor who can teach people how to become Christians, cure their diseases, construct dwellings, understand and exemplify agriculture, and turn his hand to anything that is wanted."

The history of missions was repeating itself in this communication from the shores of Lake Victoria Nyanza, to the missionaries of the Congo.

persuasion, Mr. Stanley in his late speech at the Guildhall, London, vividly directed attention to some 500 English travellers and missionaries who had left their bones in the last of the continents.

A False Standard of Success. It is not time that in our American life we adopted a higher standard in regard to what constitutes real success?

Our girls do not escape the fatal contagion, and into their bright young lives there enters the wish for beauty and luxury which money can procure.

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Next, let mothers turn sternly down all temporary borrowing from a fund which does not belong to the children, as, for instance, money committed to a little treasurer for safekeeping.

In our talk around the fireside, when we are off guard, so to speak, and in the thoughts which lie back of, and inspire, our talk, let us be careful to speak the true place. Money is means to an end.

For what is our proof of immortality? Not the analogies of nature, the resurrection of nature from a winter grave, or the emancipation of the butterfly; not even the testimony to the fact of risen dead; for who does not know how shadowy and unsubstantial intellectual proofs become in the life of the spirit is the evidence. Heaven begun is the living proof that makes the heaven to some credible.

Reflecting Christ's Image.

In a little book of Professor Drummond's, called The Perfected Life, occurs the following question: "What is the life which we lead, with unreflected face, reflecting as a mirror the glory of the Lord, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory?"

Stand in Christ's presence and mirror His character, and you will be changed in spite of yourself, and unknown to yourself, into the same image from character to character. Every man is a reflector. That is the principle upon which this is based.

What, then, is the practical lesson? It is obvious. Make Christ your most constant companion. Be more under His influence than under any other influence.

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The Factotum.

BY GEO. BRANTON TAYLOR.

It is frequently declared that conversation is no longer the fine art of it once was, and we are forced to admit the truth of this assertion, when at so many boards which groan with empty chairs and with dainties for the gastronomic man, we find no feast of reason, no flow of wit, no flash of wit, no charming bon-mots.

How are these evils to be avoided? Will you hear how we avoided them in our boarding house? All villages are in the habit of having a "factotum."

Standing Without. On a chilly, rainy Sabbath morning I stood at the door of the country to the temple waiting for a horse-car.

Seeking the Better Country. The management and discipline of our thoughts is included in that seeking, and I am afraid that that is a part of Christian culture woefully neglected by the average Christian of this day.

Meeting houses on wheels are coming into fashion. The latest one is a chapel and parsonage combined, a car sixty feet long, and will run on the Northern Pacific and other railroads, carrying two Baptist home missionaries.

Mr. W. Thayer, Wright, P. Q., had dyspepsia for 20 years. Tried many remedies and doctors, but got no relief. His appetite was very poor, had a distressing pain in his side and stomach, and gradual wasting away of flesh, when he heard of, and immediately commenced taking Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery.

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Church and State in Japan.

An interesting question has arisen in Japan as to the part which shall be taken by Buddhist priests in the new popular government.

There is much in this preparation of heart. The sermons, doubtless, were mainly prepared before the prayers were offered. Some other hearers slept under the same sermons, while others criticised them severely.

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