

Amid their manifold operations the members of Livingstonia have prepared in written form the Chirenji, Chitonga, Chigunda and Angoni tongues, and, of the sixteen publications in the speech of the natives, gospels, hymns, dictionaries and primers have had foremost attention. One of the latest linguistic triumphs was the compilation of a Chinyanga dictionary, a scholarly volume of 231 pages, executed by Dr. Laws in an atmosphere disturbed by slave raids, tribal warfare, Arab invasions, and the struggles incident to leading tribes out from barbarism to civilization.

It goes without saying that in this splendid record of progress Dr. Laws has played a truly heroic part. In his twenty-fourth year entrusted with the direction and superintendence of the Livingstonia Mission his career, regarded from any standpoint, has admittedly been one of crowned endeavour. A comrade of Dr. Stewart in 1877 he explored a part of the west shore, and a year afterward made a journey with the late Mr. James Stewart, C. E., of 700 miles, along the southern and westerly skirts of the lake and the verdant hilly country inland. His medical activities, oversight of schools, erection of stations, negotiations with savage tribes, pastoral duties and literary undertakings, mark inexhaustible devotion. Mrs. Laws, the doctor's esteemed wife, and a sister of Dr. Gray, of Rome, is of the same high type of sanctified consecration. The first white woman to enter that part of Nyasa, she has incited other ladies to follow in her steps, the presence of whom, among the natives has had an incalculably elevating influence. Dr. Laws has thrown the whole strength of an intrepid and vigorous manhood against poison-ordeals, slave-marauding, witchcraft, and the inhuman brutalities common, alas, to a barbaric people. His is a revered name by chiefs and tribes far away, who have never looked upon his face. From other quarters honorable tributes have been accorded to him. Consul Johnston has spoken of him "as the