

start with a grant of a tract of land as large as an ordinary farm.

—The Hermannsburg missionaries among the Zulus, after holding a conference, decided to abolish the prevailing custom among the natives of exchanging girls and women for cattle! Strange to say, the Christian converts are not willing to submit to this innovation, and have demanded of the missionaries to prove to them from the Scriptures that it would be unlawful for them to sell their daughters for cattle. If the above statement is true, it looks as though some second conversions were in order.

—The promoters of the Zambesi Industrial Missions have a plan for making missions self supporting after the first outlay in establishing them. It is proposed to raise \$7500 to purchase land—which can be bought in some districts at the rate of 1000 acres for \$250—and by native labor to raise crops, which when realized would pay the cost of missionary work in the district. It is believed that by means of the project there would be planted in the heart of Africa a self supporting, colonizing and Christianizing element which would be of great value to the people, and which would help to develop the vast resources of the continent.

—Sickening accounts come of desolating slave-raiding in the region lying to the north of Lake Nyassa. Arabs are the accursed actors, and their plan is to surround a village by night, place a warrior at each door, order the inmates cat, spear the men and boys and capture the women. Of the latter 300 were thus taken in a single village.

—A pathetic appeal for books comes from Central Africa. In Lake Nyassa is Lukoma Island, containing only twelve square miles, but more densely populated than many places in Europe. Missionaries have lived there for years, and many of the natives are able to read and write. The island has recently been completely transformed, huts of

earth and straw giving place to edifices of stone and brick. One of the first substantial buildings was intended to hold the fine library of the Universities Missions. But before the building was completed a fire destroyed the 1500 volumes which the missionaries had accumulated. Now they are hungry for encyclopædias, works of science, grammars and dictionaries of various foreign languages, books of travel, poetry, history, and standard fiction.

—Münzenberger in his "Abyssinien" holds that the regeneration of Abyssinia is the first step toward gaining Africa for modern civilization and the Gospel; that in these old seats and centres of Christian culture, literature and learning, the best base of operations can be found, from which the work could extend in all directions.

—In a letter written by Dr. Livingstone in 1870, just brought to light in England, the explorer confesses that if he had known all the hunger, toil, and hardship in his exploration, he "might have preferred a straight waistcoat, the head shaved and a blister on it to undertaking Sir Roderick's task. My children, however, will see that I have been a stout hearted servant of Him who endowed me with the wisdom, tact and pluck of an explorer, as He did the workmen of the Mosaic tabernacle and others in all ages."

—A letter received in London from Sierra Leone says that the vigilant suppression of the slave trade along the coast, and the consequent inability of the warlike races to dispose of their captives at a profit, has caused a revival in the most terrible form of the scenes of slaughter and bloodshed which formerly made every chief town of the interior a Golgotha.

It is universally admitted in the settlements that the approaching extinction of the slave trade in Western Africa is making warfare more merciless than it used to be.