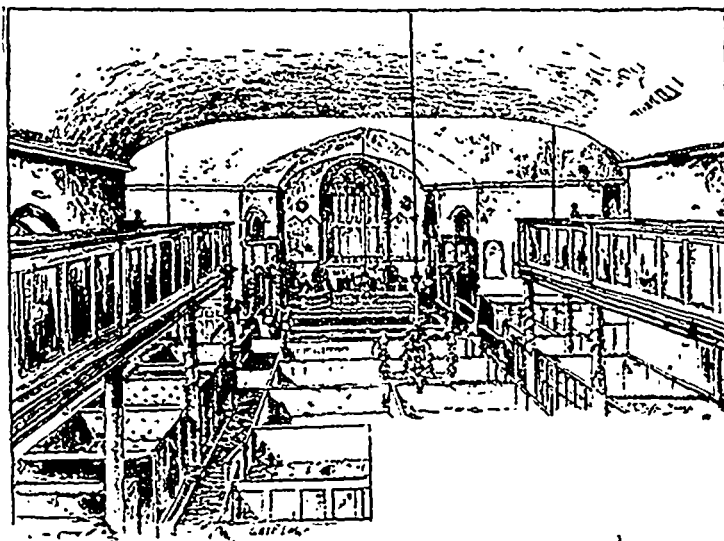




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THE report of the Central African Mission for 1889 (Bishop Smythie's) says that the great work of the year was the completion of the Swahili Bible, and adds: "What cost of time and labor and thought this implies can only be appreciated by those who have had some serious experience of such work. It is an achievement which well entitles the name of Archdeacon Hodgson to go down to posterity in Africa, beside that of Bishop Steere, whose great work of translating the Word of God into Swahili he has so worthily completed. Nor should we forget to add that its publication is only being made possible to us by the generous aid of the Bible Society."

THE "brotherhood" idea is extending. We read that the Baptist Missionary Society have decided to make a fresh experiment in India. The Rev. W. R. James, one of their ablest and most experienced missionaries, and a notable bazar preacher, is to be entrusted with it. He is a single man himself, and half-a dozen earnest young men, who are prepared to devote themselves to the work in which he has been so long engaged, are to be found and go back to India with him. They are all to live together in the native quarter of some great city, probably Calcutta, and there to commend the Gospel in life and deed, as well as by word. Mr. James estimates that they can live in comfort and good health at a cost of about £50 a year each.

THESE are years of destiny. We are making history. The first century of Christianity was proved by miracles. The latest century of Christianity is proved by achievements. We must work faster or we will go down. God has planted this nation and given Christianity here the greatest

opportunity. The way to bring more money to this society is to plant wider. Fill the land with your publications. Money must come or the missionaries cannot go out. We want men equal to the work. We want strong, earnest men. God is here working out the problem of the ages with us. If we trust in the Lord God omnipotent all will be well.—*Dr. Goodell on Home Missions.*

WE are living at the eventide of the world, when all things point toward the second coming of our King. God has placed the English-speaking people in the forefront of the nations. They number one-tenth of the human family, and I believe God calls them to do the work of the last times. The wealth of the world is largely

in Christian hands. There never have been such opportunities for Christian work—never such a harvest as awaits the husbandman. You may tell me of difficulties and dangers. We have only one answer. Sin, sorrow, and death are not the inventions of a Christian priest. "There is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved."—*Bishop Whipple.*

A WRITER on foreign missions says: "First came India, the land of the Vedas, now consolidated under the British rule, and numbering, with its dependencies, 240,000,000 people. Then followed China, whose goings forth in ancient times were from the land of Shinar itself, with its 400,000,000. And next Japan, youngest and sprightliest of them all, with 35,000,000. And finally Congo. Livingstone went in to explore, and he invested his life for a regenerated Africa. When he was gone, God, who had girded Cyrus of old, raised up another to complete his work. Into the heart of the dark continent plunged Stanley 'Africanus.' When he came out it was to declare the fact that 40,000,000 more were to confront the Christian Church. And now what do missions propose to do? Nothing less than the conquest of all these great people for Christ. The aim of the work is to dethrone the powerful systems of heathenism, and exalt Christianity instead; to put an end to the supremacy of Confucianism and Buddhism and Brahminism and Shintoism and Tauism, so that Christ alone shall be exalted in that day."

THE first Malagasy who ever learned the alphabet died January, 1883, at the age of 72. He had lived to see 50,000 of his countrymen taught to read, and over 20,000 profess their faith in Christian fold.