

islands are now politically allied to Christian powers, and are reckoned as a part of Christendom.

The grandest work of Christianity in this century has been its missionary achievements. It is estimated that the evangelizing of three hundred and fifty islands has cost \$10,000,000, paid mostly by the average man in Great Britain. It is a good illustration of the altruistic spirit of modern Christianity. The story of missions

the Lamb's Book of Life, no honour greater than that of having one's name inscribed among the Christian discoverers and founders, in the world's missionary era. The work invites all heroic spirits whose minds are occupied with thoughts concerning empires and continents. That ideal of life which is typified by the triumphant cross, inspires young men in humble life to make an adventurous attempt to shift the boundaries of Satan's kingdom,

and to advance the outposts of the Redeemer's. Livingstone thought Christianity was worth carrying abroad; and there are to-day seven thousand pupils in Christian schools in the same regions which were, in his day, given over to the slave trade.

Africa has more "good land," fertile, and either wooded or grassed, than the settled area of the United States in 1880 multiplied by five and a third. The continent everywhere, a little back from the coast, is a salubrious table-land, rich in resources, traversed by natural waterways, and waiting to be gridironed by railways.

In a country where women are bought and sold as property, and a man's wealth consists in marketable wives, the altruistic adventures of Christianity in conveying

to the natives some idea of home building, are of no small service. The missionary's family is an object lesson far-reaching in its influence, introducing to the heathen a new species of manhood, or womanhood, a type of life never before heard of in the domestic annals of the Dark Continent.

The work of the London Missionary Society in South Africa has been one of the most successful ever undertaken in a heathen



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forms a library in itself; many of the volumes of great merit and well illustrated. He is indeed an ignoramus who knows all about the atolls, the tropical butterflies, and the differences in war clubs and canoes, yet has no knowledge of the mighty domestic, social, and commercial changes wrought by putting Christian ideas into the heads of the Papuan, the Sawaiori, and the Tarapon peoples of the Pacific island world.

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