## U-GANDA, CENTRAL AFRICA.

Continued

Last week we gave our readers a short summary of the work being carried on by the C. M. S. missionaries in Uganda, and now we think it will interest them to learn a few details of the work, as we hear of it from the Rev. W. O'Flaherty's letters :-

"RUBAGA, BUGANDA, June 1st, 1883. "On my secular labours here I will not enlarge, except to say that our house and grounds look beautiful. We have made flower and kitchen gardens with their borders and parterres, hedges, fences, esplanades, paths, roads. Alas! our seeds, being rotten, failed, except two dozen lettuce or so, and a little mignonette, and a few turnips. Onions a failure. The house and grounds continue to draw crowds from all corners. Continual and prolonged visits we have from princes and princesses, chiefs, sub-chiefs, and chieftainesses, the former of whom, with his seven brothers, I have taught to read the Word of God.'

On another occasion the missionaries rebravery. Of this visit Mr. O'Flaherty writes:-

and we love brave people, and we love your people because they are brave. But you are or the Son of God, the Saviour of all men-

ful. This determined us to cultivate a taste ledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. for the beautiful. Our house and grounds His servants are wise, and good, and generous, est, unassuming, handsome young fellow-a hospitable and merciful. Our men of lubari storekeeper. I cannot help thinking that the ways tell us, "Give us, give us." And as His Word. They all know Kiswahili. But black men are famous talkers and news-spread- although it may be gratifying for us to write, of a real missionary. ers, the words of the great salvation spread, and for you to hear about baptisms, it is well like rays, from this centre to the different nat- to remember that nothing is lost by delay. ions round about. Who knows with what blessed result? Already the King of Koki begs for white men to teach him and his people, and read well and translate. Also five women, who the brave King of Uvuma and his chief beg are exceedingly interesting persons. I have for white teachers. Surely, then, this great taught them to read a little. There are twelve central station should be taken advantage of."

Here as elsewhere, the labourers are very few, but we are glad to find that the learners are many: - "The crowds who have been taught here to read, who are taught the plan of salvation, these last six months, are very considerable. They are of all classes, and of both sexes. Mr. Mackay and I have taught classes in our houses from those of the alpha-

of learning languages, and Baganda especially. The quickness of the majority has often been a matter of surprise to me. Few English per sons could learn so quickly. Those, like seeds, have been driven away; some—a great number-to the army; some to the different parts of the country, with their masters. If each one had a copy of the Word of God in his own tongue, think of the blessing. Each Muganda takes a pleasure in reading or telling what he has heard to a group of admiring friends, and they, thinking themselves as able to learn as he, come to the missionary to be taught themselves. Oh, for more labourers

"I will now give you a few instances, out of many, which will illustrate particularly what I have said.

"You remember the interesting chief I wrote you about, who was led to seek Jesus through my discussions and teaching in the court, and who was so active in teaching his women. You remember also the interesting mandwa, or priest, who burnt his lubari charms by which he prophesied. That chief was sent to Buddu, to his country-seat. Well, not long ago peasants, slaves, and foreigners. We have he sent the priest with a handsome present of had visits from the kings of Koki and Bosoka, a fat cow and a bundle of fresh butter, and he requested that I should give him a Prayer book, and several other spelling and readingsheets, which I did. He continues learning ceived a visit from the king of Uvuma, chief and teaching his people, and he requested me of a tribe who were distinguished for their to go to see him a few days, and teach him and his more perfectly the way of life, and to "We praised him and his people for their baptize them. My heart longs to go, but it is bravery. 'We white men are ourselves brave, a six days' journey, and I cannot leave the work here.

" The day the priest came here there was a savages and heathen, and you know not God, large crowd of people gathered, and many priests and people of lubari also. When the black and white alike. We white men fight proper time came the mandwa got up like against sin and evil and lubari. God is our another Peter 'in the midst,' and stated, with chief and leader. You black men fight to rob the force and eloquence of an Apollos, the reaand plunder, and shed your brothers' blood.' sons that forced him to burn his charms, and In a word, I laid before them, as I take care to reject the service of lubari for the noble serdo always, to most of our visitors, the words of vice of the Son of God, all were moved, and eternal life-the redemption that is in Christ many went away pricked to the heart. I gave him a present for himself and master, and ex-"The negroes in this country love the beauti- horted them to grow in grace, and in the know-

"As the firstfruits of my classes at the palace respect. 'Words of wind' could never raise came to me requesting baptism. I examined us to the position we now occupy. People them, and I was astounded at their knowledge. from the surrounding nations, who are visiting I, however, deferred their baptism for a seahere, come to see these wonderful works, and son. It required no small degree of moral

> "Two sub-chiefs, one of whom is gone to the war, are also candidates for baptism. They to be baptized, eight males, and four females."

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## ENGLAND.

has earned \$250, which she has devoted to this work Last year she gave away more than 7,000 books, and during the past six years she has distributed nearly

Two memorial fonts will soon be placed in the baptistry of St. Mary's church, Southampton, England, as a mark of appreciation of the labors of Rev. Canon Wilberforce in Torquay in the cause of temperance. One of them is for the immersion of adults, the other a smaller one, for the baptism of infants.

### THE MAN AND THE BOOK.

#### Christian Colportage Association.

THAT three million books and papers of a pure Christian character and Gospel tone should in addition to 146,000 copies of the Word of God, have been sold during the past ten years, in London and the provinces, by the colporteurs of this association. who visit every month the houses of both rich and poor, is surely an interesting and encouraging fact.

No one can be ignorant of the existence of the evil literature, which is exercising so baneful an influence on all around, but only those whose duty-leads them to give attention to the quantity and quality of it can form any conception of its extent and terrible power

Much of this literature, besides that which is openly and avowedly atheistic, is coarse and blasphemous. and displaying unabashed wickedness; much of it attempts to veil its impurity by pretended reprobation of the sins it delights to detail; much of it deals chiefly in sensationalism, familiarizing the minds of its readers with every form of vice and crime; and much of it, especially publications for boys, exalts every form of outrage into a kind of heroism, and creates in the minds of its young readers a desire to imitate the actions of criminals.

These facts transpired at the annual meeting of the above association, held at the Mansion House. Sir W. Muir, K.C.S.I., took the chair. The report was read by Mr. H. D. Brown, (Sec.), and the financial statement by the Hon. A. F. Kinnaird (Hon. Treasurer), after which the chairman spoke of the quiet, unostentatious character of the work, and the genuine results which have followed the labours of the colporteurs. It is, he said, seed dropped by the way, which is fructifying and bringing forth much fruit to the glory of God.

The Printing Press as a Prencher.

BY DR. H. SINCLAIR PATERSON.

THERE are some good people who have an intense faith in the living preacher and no reverence whatever for the ungainly printing press. We need not be reminded that, while our Lord sent forth apostles to preach to all nations, these apostles very soon put in written form the facts connected with our ord's have raised us to the pinnacle of honour and these last twelve months, four young officers life, which written form has been superseded by the printing press. This form of teaching has taken its place from the very beginning of Church life, and by ts means many have been added to the Church of such as should be saved. The usage of the printed go home with words of joy on their lips, saying, 'Verily, those men are men of God. They Two of those young fellows have given me the to know of the Word of Life scattered in every hamlet worship one God in three persons. They say use of their rooms to teach in; and they are of the land as well as declared in every pulpit. And God has a Son, who is the Redeemer of us, as active in teaching. One of them is by my side this association has always taken this ground—it gives well as of them. Is not God better than lubari? at this moment, as I write this. He is a mod- attention to the dissemination of distinctly evangelical teaching; and confines itself to books which contain in definite form the Gospel of Christ. It is emphatic ally an evangelistic association, only it uses books instead, or rather, I should say, along with the living man. For each of these colporteurs has all the spirit

> I have often felt how difficult it is to start a conversation on the very truths that lie nearest one's heart, and I have noticed that a tract or book being presented introduces the subject easily, and affords, as it were, a text to start with. And these men have learned this truth. Few more skilled than they in using such means to bring in the Gospel; and when they are gone the books remain to carry on the subject.

It may be asked, Why appoint special agents for the spread of truth? Because bad literature does not need recommendation. Booksellers know well that books which merely amuse, and not always healthily, have a much larger sale than those which edify, not to speak of the decidedly evangelistic kind. It is neces sary that good and useful books should be pressed of the people, just as God is pleased to press the acceptance of His Son upon sinners. Those who go as the messengers of the Master find they too must needs betic toils up to the delights of translation don preacher, has established a "Book Fund," from create a demand where none exists. And it is well to from Kiswahili to Ruganda. Hence, they and which she supplies books to poor ministers of all dewe have to know Kiswahili. Negross are fond nominations. By making frames for photographs she

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