

on the skull, such a blow as made the leopard howl loudly, then let go his hold upon the man, and the next minute make his escape as fast as possible. On the following day, it was shot by a huntsman, and its skin is now in my possession. It is five feet long, and three feet wide, which, for a leopard in this neighborhood, is a great size."—*Juvenile Missionary Magazine.*

### Intelligence of Converted Hottentots.

The words of Lord Bacon, "Knowledge is power," have been often thought to be full of wisdom; and Napoleon has been much praised because he said one day to Fontanes, "Do you know what I admire most in the world? It is the weakness of force to establish anything. There are only two powers in the world—the sword and the mind, but, in the end, the former is always conquered by the latter." These are true words, and good. But if they show the wisdom of the Lord Chancellor of England and of the Emperor of France, they also prove that even Hottentots have become wise, though, before Missionaries went amongst them, they were thought by many to know little more than the wild beasts. Indeed, they were supposed to be so bad, that it was hardly possible for any people to be worse, and therefore, a very stupid person was said to be "as ignorant as a Hottentot." But if this was ever their state, they are now strangely changed; and the following anecdotes will show that they have, in their own way, expressed the very same thought for which the philosopher and the conqueror have been so highly commended. The first instance is that of Jantze Spielman, whose mind had been instructed and whose heart had been changed by the gospel. O day this Christian Hottentot met with a Caffre Chief, called Macomo, a very warlike man, who had done a great deal of harm, and had killed a great many people. At that time, however, this Chief was very much afraid that his enemies would catch or destroy him,

and therefore he did not like to be alone, but always had some of his soldiers near him, armed with spears. This was the case when Spielman saw him. And what did the Hottentot do? He took a pen between his forefinger and thumb, and then holding it up before the Caffre's face, he said, "Do you learn to use *this*, Macomo, and it will give you more protection than all the spears of Caffreland."

Another converted Hottentot was praying with some of his countrymen, when he thus expressed his and their thoughts and feelings: "O God, we thank thee that we have lived to learn that *mind is stronger than body.*"

Now all this they had learned from that Book which teaches us that "Wisdom is a defence." But for the gospel, in darkness they would have lived, and in darkness they must have died.—*Juvenile Missionary Magazine.*

### What can we do?

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Before you can be useful to others, it is not necessary that you either preach in a pulpit, or teach in a Sabbath school, or pray at a sick-bed, or give largely of money to Christian objects. No; placed just as you are, and with your present means, you may help greatly to make Jesus known and loved.

Do not forget, however, that before you can be truly blessings, you must yourselves be blessed. It would be both a sad and an inconsistent thing in you, to be very active in trying to enlighten others, to bring them to Jesus, while you yourselves were un saved. Nor could you in such circumstances expect the Lord to smile upon your efforts. David, you remember, had little hope of teaching transgressors God's way, or of sinners being converted to Him, till first the joy of salvation was restored to his own soul. But now, what may really be done by you, through grace, for the glory of God and the good of others? In answering this let me ask you—

Have you any little brothers or sisters who are dear to you? If so, let it be your first effort to be useful to them. It is right that you should begin at home. Tell them very seriously and affectionately, that they need to be saved, that there is *only one way* of being saved, and that, if not saved now, they may never be saved at all; and offer to prove this to them from the sure word of God. Remind them of that sweet text, which we heard a little child the other day repeating in her sleep, "Suffer little children to come unto me,