

ful black race pushed its way across Africa from east to west, until it occupied all the country from Cape Verde to the Nile Valley. The bushmen turned their faces southward to avoid the inrush of negroes.

In course of time Hamitic and Semitic tribes crossed the Isthmus of Suez or the Gulf of Aden into Africa, and gradually occupied the northern and northeastern regions.

By intermarriage of negro and bushmen (and perhaps Hamite) the Hottentot race originated in the region north of the equatorial lakes. At an unknown date these people, driving their horned cattle before them, emigrated southward, pushing their way through the vast hunting-grounds of the fierce little bushmen, until they reached the southwestern coast.

After a lapse of centuries the bushmen were again disturbed—this time by the powerful Bantu tribes. This hybrid people first appear north of the lakes, and may have originated in the ingrafting of Hamitic and Semitic tribes upon a negro stock. A proud, imperial race they were, and, disturbed in their original home, they swept over the southern half of Africa. The conquest took centuries to accomplish, but gradually the Bantu drove Bushman and Hottentot alike into the southwest corner of the continent, and themselves occupied the mighty African peninsula. The L. M. S. work is among the Bantu people.—L. M. S. Chronicle.

The problems of South Africa, chief among which is that of racialism, seem to be in a fair way of being solved, largely because the leaders of its destiny are in many cases men of strong Christian principles, who are 'honestly striving to apply the Sermon on the Mount to the demands of the situation.' General Botha is one of these, and if Britons will unite with Boers, as he wishes Boers to unite with Britons, the dangers arising in South Africa from the attempted welding of two peoples will soon be a thing of the past.

Oberlin College, which has done many notable things in its history, has as one of the most notable, established a daughter college in Shansi, China, which is now four years old. Once a year they have Shansi Day at Oberlin, when the students gather in large numbers to

hear reports, learn of needs and give their contributions to the support of the new institution. They raise \$2,000 and more in ten minutes' time, and raise it from a body of students, one-third of whom are supporting themselves through their college course.

We hear a very great deal of the lack of young men and older boys in our Sunday school and church work. It is encouraging to find that of the 15,000,000 enrolled in the Sunday schools of North America, 40 per cent. are over eighteen years of age. It is estimated that in the last five years 500,000 men have been added to the Sunday schools, and that there are probably now enrolled in these schools as scholars, officers and teachers from two and a half to three million men. Surely sackcloth and ashes are not appropriate yet!

The Waldenses of Italy have been one of the most bitterly persecuted of the Protestant sects of Europe. But they have maintained their separate existence through all the years, and now a day of expansion seems to be dawning for them. Romanism is not meeting the needs of Italy as it once did, and the cleavage in sympathy is becoming more marked all the time. This has given the Waldensians an opportunity, and they have dotted their churches all over Italy and Sicily. Nearly all the larger cities have self-supporting churches and good buildings, and a large new edifice is just now in course of erection at Rome. The three governments of the royal children of Italy are Waldensian young women. Evidently their feet are to be set in large places.

MORE OF THE GOSHA WOMAN, SURAMMA.

Miss Isabel Hatch.

Dear readers of the Link.—Dear Mrs. Ryrice's graphic and sympathetic account of her visit to Ramachandrapuram in the March number, would draw your attention to the Gosha woman, who visited us secretly when our visitors were with us, and you will I know be interested in her further history.

The last baptism I saw before I left India on furlough, was the baptism of this same 'lovely and modest' Suram-