

O, to do nothing, nothing !
 Ministers—what is their trade
 But doing the work of the Master ?
 And for it they're pretty well paid.
 Of course, some people are fitted,
 Which I don't pretend to be ;
 They like to make speeches in meeting,
 Which is out of the question for me.

CHORUS.—O, to do nothing !

O, to do nothing, nothing !
 That is the way to be blest ;
 There can be no labor in heaven,
 For that is a perfect rest.
 Rather do nothing, nothing,
 Than always go bustling about,
 Trying if I can't do something,
 And never quite making it out.

CHORUS.—O, to do nothing !

VI.—PROGRESS AND RESULTS OF MISSIONS: MONTHLY BULLETIN.

Africa.—The Jesuits are busy in Africa as elsewhere. A company of fifty so-called "Black Fathers" are working at seven centres along the Eastern coast. Others, who are penetrating into the interior, are said to be giving special attention to the care of the sick. In another band of Roman Catholic priests, recently arrived from Germany, are a number of artisans and agriculturists.

—All vessels bound for West and South Africa, coming from ports in Europe and America, stop at Madeira. Here is the list of liquors which passed through in *one week*. It is taken from the daily returns posted in Liverpool :

960,000 cases of gin.....	£240,000
24,000 butts of rum.....	240,000
30,000 cases of brandy.....	90,000
28,000 cases of Irish whiskey.	56,000
800,000 demijohns of rum....	240,000
36,000 barrels of rum.....	72,000
30,000 cases of Old Tom.....	60,000
15,000 barrels of absinthe...	45,000
40,000 cases of vermouth....	3,000

The compiler calls it "The Devil's Missionary Enterprise."—*Bombay Guardian*.

—The latest news from Uganda shows that affairs have taken a most alarming turn. Mwanga has been dethroned. His older brother, who was made king in his stead, has now been driven from the throne by the Arabs, who are for the moment supreme. The Arabs have attacked the native Christians, and the Church of Uganda is threatened with ruin. The English missionaries, Revs. E. C. Gordon and R. H. Walker, are safe, having escaped across the Lake Victoria Nyanza to Mr. A. M. Mackay, who is fortunately near the scene of his former labors and heroic endurance. No more pressing subject can be brought before united meetings for prayer than that of the revolution in Uganda, to which we again advert. King Mtesa was a protector of missionaries; his son Mwanga is weak, vain and cruel; and it seems beyond doubt that at his door lies the murder of Bishop Hannington. The tyrant is himself now a fugitive, and the Arabs are supreme. Their intentions are threefold—to root out Christianity, to establish Islamism, and to extend the horrors of the slave trade. But for faith

in God the outlook would be dark. He, however, works for the deliverance of the oppressed in unexpected ways, and Africa's own sons may, under Him, become their own deliverers from the most inhuman of oppressors.

—Bishop Taylor's advance party has reached the goal in the depths of Africa toward which he has so long been struggling. Before his pioneer band of missionaries started, the Bishop declared his intention to plant stations among the tribes along the Upper Kassi and its tributaries. Toward this region his chain of stations has been steadily lengthening. Dr. Harrison, one of the party that the Bishop led up the Congo in July last, has reached Luluaburg, the new station of the Congo State. He is one of the four physicians who have followed the Bishop to Africa, and he is now established among the natives. These Balubas are among the most remarkable savages in the world.—*Bombay Guardian*.

—Lukunga on the Congo River has a Baptist Church of seventy members. A society called "The Christian Union" has been formed in England for the severance of the British empire from the opium traffic. The income of the British-Indian Government from opium last year was \$30,000,000.

—At Equator Station, Central Africa, 800 miles from the sea, the people are beginning to understand and appreciate gospel truth. The station is among the Balotos, one of the finest tribes of Africa.

—Rev. Theo. H. Hoste, of the Congo Mission, resigned a commission in the English army to go to Africa and preach the gospel to the heathen.

East Africa.—According to the *Monatsblatt*, the Church Missionary Society's work in East Africa stands thus: Baptized Christians, 791; communicants, 402; catechumens, 1,900. A small beginning, but yet a beginning.

Liberia.—Rev. William Allen Fair is conducting an independent mission in Liberia, the whole expense of which, including the support of Mr. Fair and his family, is paid from the products of a large farm. This can be done in some countries, but it won't