

few of the missions, but many he did not visit. Africa, a country five thousand miles long and five thousand wide, covering one-fifth of the land area of the globe, with a population of 200,000,000, speaking 438 different languages, presents too vast a missionary problem to be settled by the partial and cursory observation of even so intrepid an explorer as Dr. Johnston. The book, however, is written with such transparent sincerity, and presents

such frank first-hand testimony, as to deserve the attention of all interested in the African problem, especially in African missions.

A striking feature of the book is the number of admirable photographs from negatives taken by Dr. Johnston himself. The book is admirably printed and is a valuable addition to the literature of the Dark Continent. A large folding map shows the route of Dr. Johnston's explorations.

Book Notices.

My Life and Times. By CYRUS HAMLIN, missionary in Turkey, author of "Among the Turks," etc. Boston and Chicago: Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society. Toronto: William Briggs. Octavo, pp. 538. Price, \$2.50.

A few months ago we spent an afternoon at Robert College on the Bosphorus, the noblest monument of the venerable Dr. Hamlin. That college may almost be said to have created the Bulgarian kingdom, and other commonwealths in South-eastern Europe. The leading native missionaries, editors and statesmen of those countries have imbibed Western ideas and been trained in Western religion, science and civilization in the halls of this splendid college. The story of its creation, of the seven long years' struggle with the Turkish Government, and of the shrewd Yankee missionary overcoming and evading the fraud and cunning of the Turkish officials, the most corrupt in Europe, and circumventing the Jesuits, the Russians and the Turks, all alike opposed to a Protestant college, is graphically recorded in these pages. Dr. Hamlin's very life was built into these walls, and a monument it is of which kings might be proud. Without his help, the generous gift of Mr. Robert would have been profitless.

Not less interesting is the account of the early establishment of the Bebek Seminary; its early struggles and stories of many of its students surpass those of romance. To furnish work for Armenian converts, Dr. Hamlin organized manufacturing industries, from making stove-pipes and rat-traps to grinding corn and making bread. By means of Ure's Dictionary of Science and numerous experiments, some of which resulted in violent explosion, his mill was started. He recounts, by the way, that an American buzz-saw worked with perfect success, taking off a couple of his fingers and doing its work very thoroughly.

During the Crimean war his bakery was expanded to its utmost capacity, in baking bread for the sick soldiers at the Scutari hospitals. He invented also washing machines for cleaning clothing condemned to be burned. The story is so full of mingled fun and shrewdness that we promise a rich treat to those who will read it. A number of excellent illustrations embellish the book, which is one of the brightest and sprightliest of missionary annals we have ever read. It abounds with humorous incidents and anecdotes, one of the funniest being that of the learned Dr. Duncan, who, invited to dine with two German scholars, went from his garden with earth-stains on his hands. Being shown