

Church; and bearing in mind and heart Him who promised, 'Lo! I am with you always, even unto the end of the world,' there is not the shadow of a doubt but that her Mission will become a double blessing—to our own overcrowded home population and to the victims of slavery and the slave-trade throughout the world. Let the Church of England only enter upon this great work with a will, and nations and tribes will bless her to the latest generations. The late Dr. Phillips, of the Cape, told me that Missionaries always did most good by doing things in their own way. I am fully convinced that your way of sending a Bishop with your Mission is an admirable one. The field is all your own. I think that the Church is called upon to put forth her best energies, and endeavour to repay somewhat the wrongs we have done to Africa.

The French have a strong desire to enter before us. A Senor Cruz, the great agent of French emigration from this coast, lately returned from Bourbon with a sugar-mill and coffee-cleaning machine, sugar canes of superior quality, and coffee-seed, and two Frenchmen to work the machines. Both, however, soon perished of fever. The Portuguese hate us and our objects, partly because of our religion, but chiefly because we suppress the slave-trade. They desire the French to come and establish their authority over the slaves. At present Portuguese slave rule is mild, because the slave can so easily flee to independent tribes. If the French slave system were established here, slave-hunting would go on till the country was depopulated. Even for the incipient plantation of Cruz there is slave-hunting among the very people we lately visited at Sheiba and Negassa. The Mission will require a steamer drawing about eight feet to serve as a home till preparations are made. Having lost my despatches, I do not know whether Government will give me another; it would be at the service of the Mission. I send home Mr. Rae, our engineer, to superintend a second for the lakes. This we shall build whether we get one from the Government or not. It is to be made capable of being unscrewed and carried past the cataracts. It will give security to settlers, without firing a shot, and will promote the extinction of the slave-trade by lawful commerce more than several ships on the ocean. My brother, Mr. Charles Livingstone, will take charge of the trade for a time.

I rejoice that Miss Coutts has come nobly forward and aided the Bishop to establish an institution for the sons of chiefs—sorry it was not in existence when I was with Sechele. I am going up to the Makololo country to return my native friends home.

Affectionately yours,

D. LIVINGSTONE."

SYRIAN REFUGEES AND MISSION AT CONSTANTINOPLE.

The Editor* has lately received a letter from the Rev. A. Tien, of which the following are extracts:—

"Pera, Constantinople, Dec. 5, 1860.

I have pleasure in forwarding an account of the expenditure of the

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