

and blue—symbols of bravery, purity and loyalty: may the people they represent ever be one in all that is brave, pure and loyal, and at every strategic point on earth where the conflict rages between civilization and barbarism, may these flags flow side by side, over Englishmen and Americans, one in thought and purpose to defend the weak and uplift the race." As he set down the guests rose to their feet, cheered and shouted for several minutes, ending with three tremendous cheers for Stanley, the American explorer; the band playing "Yankee Doodle."

Mr. Rhodes' most ambitious scheme is to have Great Britain control a mighty highway, four thousand miles in extent, from the Delta of the Nile to the Cape; and it is not impossible that some who read these lines may yet hear a railroad conductor at Alexandria cry out, "All aboard for the Mountains of the Moon, Lake Nyassa and Cape Town!" So, when we look at a map of Africa and ask which nation will ultimately dominate the continent, whether it will be the careful Dutchman, the thoughtful German, the diplomatic Frenchman, the greedy Russian, or the masterful Englishman, we do not hesitate for a reply.

But, when all is said, it is the splendid sovereignty of Christian missions, the story of which Stanley compares to an epic poem which most stirs our imagination. And who that has ever stood by the black slab in the nave of Westminster Abbey, which marks the grave of Livingstone, has not been thrilled with a sense of the power of the gospel when reading the simple inscription, "David Livingstone, missionary, traveller, philanthropist, thirty years of whose life were spent in unwearied efforts to evangelize the native races, to explore the undiscovered secrets and to abolish the desolating slave trade of Central Africa." Then follows the extract from his journal, penned with a dying hand, "All I can say in my solitude is, may heaven's richest blessing come down on every one, American, Englishman, Turk who will help to heal this open sore of the world."

It is because such men have laid down their lives for Africa that we cannot be indifferent to the conflict of interests going on there to-day.—*Life and Light*.

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