

expedition, the country passes under the rule of Mr. Maxwell, the British Resident, protected by a guard of black troops, until such time as the British Foreign Office shall definitely decide upon a permanent form of administration.

—The Paris missionaries in the French Congo State have been cheered by the conversion of a chief and his son, who enjoyed an immense reputation as fetish-men throughout a wide district. If a sick man possessed by an evil spirit had to be cured, or the guilty person found out who had bewitched him to death, it was to Akele the people came. But one day his heart opened to the preaching of the Gospel, and he decided to renounce his fetishes and the gain they brought him. He gathered together all the people of his village, and announced that he no longer believed in spirits, but in the one God. Then, collecting his fetishes and all the instruments of his trade, he threw them into the lake before the eyes of all the people. There was a great sensation, and they expected to see these sacrilegious men fall dead; but nothing happened, save that the former fetish-men repaired to the mission settlement, and asked to be received as catechumens.—*Journal des Missions Évangéliques.*

—Dr. Battersby says in *Niger and Forûba Notes*: "The question of making a real advance into the Soudan is at present engaging the attention of the Church Missionary Society Committee, and if only suitable volunteers will offer for this service, a forward movement might soon be made.

—In an English paper it is written thus of Sir Cecil Rhodes: "He is a strong man, of the kind that is never finished by a single stroke. And he is strong with the strength of a coarse, ruthless, greedy egotism, the strokes of whose piston-rod force the minds and the money of weaker men into its reservoir. As he was at Oriel twenty years ago, so he is at Cape Town to-day

—lonely, self-absorbed, irritable, and not to be relied upon. He hates women, whom he regards as unnecessary impedimenta in the campaign, and he has no idea of friendship; he only recognizes instruments to be used and enemies to be dealt with. Success accentuated his defeats to the point of disease, and made him so irritable, so self-absorbed, and so insolent that none but parasites could live with him."

—Professor James Bryce has just returned from South Africa, and in addressing the Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce said that Mashonaland and Matabeleland were both possessed of much wealth, but that railroads would be needed to develop it. The most interesting part of his remarks relates to the gold production of the Transvaal. He estimated the probable receipts from that field at £700,000,000 (\$3,500,000,000).

—A recent visitor to Lovedale, with its 800 pupils, writes thus: "Perhaps the most interesting was the Sunday evening service, when there were gathered together for worship all the boarders, numbering about 450, along with the Europeans. In the congregation many tribes were represented. The Kafirs formed the majority, but there were also Basutos, whose home is 200 or 300 miles to the north; Bechuannas, who come from the northwest; and distinctly marked off in appearance from the rest, the Gallas, whose native land is in the north, near to Abyssinia. Those last, of whom there are about 60, were rescued, along with 200 other children, from a slave dhow about 1890, and were sent to Lovedale to be cared for."

—Mr. Pilkington, of Uganda, speaking at a recent conference in Liverpool, said that the Soudan and the Congo could be evangelized from Uganda. How was it to be done? By seeking and finding indications of God's plan, which they could surely now do from the experience they had had of mission work. It seemed that for every foreign missionary there should be 100 natives employed, and thus, in a comparatively short time, the whole of Africa might be evangelized.