

evangelization. It is a tremendous work, the full import of which it is impossible for a finite mind fully to take in. It is not a mathematical problem that a dexterous play of figures will solve. Let us give the facts, the arguments, the motives, and press and reiterate them with all possible force and urgency and faithfulness, but let us not presume to assign a period within which the whole world "can" be evangelized. The appeal of our brother, so far as facts, statements, and array of motives go, is excellent, and cannot fail to quicken the blood of any Christian who will read it.—J. M. S.

Death of Alexander Mackay of Uganda.

The Church Missionary Society has sustained an almost irreparable loss in the death of this heroic missionary. He has labored fourteen years in Central Africa, and his brave continuance at his post, when others retired, and when difficulties and dangers thickened around him, has won for him much well-deserved esteem from all who can appreciate faith and Christian courage.

It was when the news of the assassination of Mr. Shergold Smith and Mr. O'Neill on the Victoria Nyanza reached him, near the coast, that he pushed on to Rubaga, reaching Mtesa's capital in December, 1878. Uganda became his home from that time till he was driven out by the enmity of the Arab traders nine years later. Even then he only retired to the south end of the Great Lake, where he has now fallen asleep. He has carried his life in his hand all these years, and has seen colleague after colleague either carried off by death or obliged to retire from the field. No one could read Mr. Mackay's letters in the *Church Missionary Intelligencer* without seeing that he was, over and above his missionary devotion, a natural genius. His translation of the Scriptures into the tongue of Uganda, his mechanical contrivances, his marvellous tact and soundness of judgment, his calm courage at the court of Mwanga—all marked him out as a man of extraordinary power and devotion. He was born in 1850 in the Free Church manse of Rhynie, his father, the Rev. A. Mackay, LL.D., being the Free Church minister there. Mr. Stanley speaks of him in the most enthusiastic terms, classing him with Livingstone and Moffat. The *Christian Missionary Intelligencer* for May has a deeply interesting sketch of him.—J. M. S.

The Soudan Missionary Movement.

There sailed from this port a few days since three young missionaries, F. M. Gates, Warren Harris, and Charles Helmick, for the Soudan, Africa. They are a part of that heroic band of Kansas young men, who, under the powerful appeals of Dr. Grattan Guinness, resolved to establish a mission in that vast unoccupied region of the Dark Continent without the backing of any society, trusting implicitly in God and his promises. They were business men, several of them prominent officers of Young Men's Christian Associations. One of their number, Mr. Kingman, had gone in advance to locate the mission, and had written to them to come on. They took with them implements for farming and house building, and expect to spend their lives there. They express unbounded confidence in the Providential supply of their needs. Some will question the wisdom of their method, but all must admire their heroic and self-sacrificing spirit. Others will follow as soon as they have finished their series of missionary meetings, which have been productive of much good.

Mr. Kingman went by way of England, at the invitation of Mr. Graham Wilmot-Brooke, of England, who has traveled extensively in the Soudan, and was about to leave again for that country, and he kindly invited the Kansas missionaries for the Soudan to have one of their number meet him in England and sail with him. Our associate, Dr. Pierson, was present at the farewell meeting, in Exeter Hall, London, given to the Wilmot-Brooke party, and made the Consecrating Prayer. Mr. Kingman joined this party at Liverpool, and took ship with them for Africa. During the voyage out he had ample opportunity for conference with Mr. Brooke, and other members of the party, and so, on his arrival, was soon able to give the needed information to his fellow-workers in regard to their outfit, etc.

The agent of the steamship company by whose line Mr. Kingman sailed sent this telegram: "To-day has seen, in the departure of Kingman for the Soudan, the beginning of what is going to be the greatest missionary movement of this century. God bless it, and the West where it started. Keep believing." And adds Mr. Walton: "And so the Soudan missionary movement is no longer something talked of, but is now something *real*. Praise the Lord!"—J. M. S.

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