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Death of the President.

GENERAL GARFIELD, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES breathed his last at half past ten o'clock on the night of September the 19th., after eighty days of great suffering, borne with heroic fortitude. The people of Canada respond to the sentiments of their beloved Queen who, immediately on receiving the sad intelligence, transmitted her condolence to Mrs. Garfield by telegraph from Balmoral in these words.—“WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS THE DEEP SYMPATHY I FEEL WITH YOU AT THIS TERRIBLE MOMENT. MAY GOD SUPPORT AND COMFORT YOU AS HE ALONE CAN.” (Signed)

THE QUEEN, *Balmoral Castle.*

The Foreign Mission field.

READING carefully, as we do from month to month, all the tidings from the “high places of the field” we rejoice to say that still, as ever, the good cause is advancing. Labourers from India, China, the Isles of the Pacific, and the recently explored territories in Africa, all write cheeringly, hopefully, with the air of assured victory in every line they utter. The hope of a converted world inspires them with fresh courage. In Asia Minor and other portions of the Turkish Empire the educational efforts of Missionaries are meeting with unprecedented success. From Africa come almost daily tidings of advance—old stations strengthened and extended; new stations established; fresh fields opened;

tribe after tribe welcoming missionaries; roads opened inland; steamers plying on waters unknown to Europe till the devoted Livingstone saw them; commerce preceding in some instances and in some closely following the heralds of the cross. Africa never was in so hopeful a case. Missionaries are ascending the Congo by the route opened by Stanley. An Englishman (a Baptist) has given money enough to secure a steel boat for the use of the Missionaries. The Church of Scotland Mission at Blantyre may expect better days now that it has been reorganized. The Free Church mission at Livingstonia is prospering greatly. Agentleman in Glasgow, Mr. James Stevenson, has given \$20,000 for the construction of a road between Lake Nyassa and Lake Tanganyika. —The Presbyterian Church of the Southern States is about to establish a Mission in the Kingdom of Loango, north of the mouth of the Congo. But Abyssinia is under the rule of King John, a more reckless tyrant than even Theodore. He will endure no missionaries of any sort in his kingdom. Any of his subjects going to the frontier he punishes by having one hand and one leg cut off!—Madagascar on the other hand is advancing steadily and rapidly. A college has been built at the capital, costing \$20,000, the Queen and her Prime Minister continue to foster the London Society's Missions.—Recent wars in South Africa have caused grievous loss to many hopeful and prosperous mission stations.