

that 13,500 converts were gathered as the fruit of the work of those two heroic souls !

Livingstone was not the first that died on his knees praying for Africa. George Schmidt died also on his knees in prayer for the Dark Continent, and when the way opened to resume the mission, his successors began to preach, without design on their own part, under the very tree he planted.

God makes what seems to be a disaster to glorify Him. When Judson and his wife changed their conviction on their way to heathen lands and became Baptists, it seemed only a calamity to divide the small missionary force of the American Board. But that event stimulated the Baptists of America to form a Baptist Board of Missions, and round that society have since rallied 3,000,000 church members. At the Jubilee meeting of the American Board, Dr. Anderson, the venerable Secretary, referring to this early and apparently disastrous division in the missionary force, reached out his hand across the platform to the Secretary of the Baptist Board and said : " But now, my brother, it is all plain ; we see why God decreed that division."

Men little know what use God will make of them. Claudius Buchanan wrote " The Star in the East," and that made Adoniram Judson the heroic missionary that he was, and the rallying center of a great denomination.

" Man's extremity is God's opportunity." May we not reverently reverse the proverb, " God's extremity is man's opportunity"? Is not this an extremity in the kingdom of God? Does not God now need as never before a consecrated and energetic church to carry on the work and make it a short work in the earth? It seems to me as though in these last days God were in haste to accomplish prophecy and fulfil His promises to His Son. This Conference at London was a kind of Centennial Exhibition of Foreign Missions.

Let us inventory the goods :

1. *We have a church united in spirit, divided in form.* Where the church has had most rigid and frigid outward conformity, there has been the least missionary spirit. On the contrary, where nonconformists have multiplied missionary zeal has increased. It seems as though God were using the very divisions of the church to promote missionary activity. Would there be thirty-three societies in China and thirty-five in Africa if there were not denominational divisions in the church? But, thanks be to God, every fragment of the shattered mirror of the church represents and reflects a full-orbed sun. Doubtless, not until *He* comes again will the church be perfectly one. " I beseech you, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together unto Him."

2. *We have one Bible translated into about three hundred languages and dialects.* A polyform Christianity and a polyglot Bible. What