

an from want. At times some of them may have been straightened, but they were prepared for this before they went. None died of want except it may be Lintz who penetrated into one of the Islands of the eastern Archipelago, and there met his death, we know not certainly how, but it is supposed that he was forsaken by the natives and perished from hunger. We cannot, however, from any possibility blame Gossner for that. The mortality amongst Gossner's Missionaries was not greater than that of other societies which gave high salaries. In going through the history of his Missions, we can but wonder what the Lord accomplished by means of that one man."

THE TRUE WIFE.—Oftentimes I have seen a tall ship glide by against the tide as if drawn by an invisible tow line with a hundred strong arms pulling it. Her sails unfurled, her streamers drooping, she had neither side wheel nor stern wheel; still she moved on stately in supreme triumph, as with her own life. But I knew that on the other side of the ship, hidden beneath the great bulk that swam so majestically, there was a little toilsome steam tug, with a heart of fire and arms of iron, that was tugging it bravely on; and I knew that if the little steam tug unwinced her arms and left the ship it would wallow and roll away, and drift away, and drift hither and thither, and go off with the effluent of the tide no man knows where. And so I have known more than one genius, high-deck, full-reighted, wide-sailed gay-pennoned, but for the bare toiling arm and brave warm beating heart of the faithful little wife, that nestled close to him so that no wind or wave could part them, he would have gone down with the stream and been heard of no more.—*Oliver Wendell Holmes.*

tempting to establish an independent Central African Mission at Bihe, on the West Coast, to extend the Zulu Mission in Natal to Umzila's Kingdom, a country hitherto unoccupied by Christian missionaries. It lies on the East Coast, with the Limpopo for its southern and the Zambezi for its northern boundary. The country was formerly known as Monomatapa, but is now named for the chief, or king, who is the ruler. The coast-line, 600 miles long, is claimed by the Portuguese; but their authority does not extend inland. Umzila is the son of Zulu general and rules in a most despotic manner. The conquered people comprise several tribes, among whom the Marongmes are spoken of as a very fine race. Mr. Erskine, who has visited them, says they bear a some what marked resemblance to the Basutos. They are armed with strong six-foot bows, are very brave, and reputed to have great skill in bush-fighting. They live in dense communities, and clear and plant large stretches of ground, sometimes exceeding a hundred acres in extent, which are cultivated in common, with the families of the cultivators scattered around the margin of the clearing, in separate kraals. The country was thickly inhabited and abounded in fowls, corn, deer, and honey. In some places these people possess cocoa-nut palms, the sugar cane, and bananas, and distill ardent spirits, with stills of native manufacture. Gigantic specimens of baobab trees abound, covered by castananut creepers, which are festooned to the ground and form magnificent canopies, impervious to the sun's rays. Mr. Erskine dwells quite admiringly upon the interesting scenery produced by the thriving gardens of this industrious race, ornamented and interspersed with the magnificent canopies of foliage. The climate of the country is said to be healthy. Where the mission station is to be located will be determined by the pioneer party, which will be led by the Rev. Myron W. Pinkerton.

AMERICAN MISSIONS IN CENTRAL AFRICA.—We are glad to see that the American Board has decided, while at-