

alty, but also from the power of sin. The chiefs of the country are nearly all Christian men. The result is that cruelty, oppression and misgovernment have been reduced to a minimum. Peace and plenty have taken the place of disorder and squalid need. The songs of Zion are being sung now from one end of Buganda to another. Darkness has given place to light. "The Sun of Righteousness has arisen with healing in His wings." So much, then, for the past and present: what of the future?

III. THE FUTURE.—Of this we can only speak with holy reverence and godly fear, remembering always that the *King is coming*. This is above everything our hope and expectation. Bearing this in mind, we may survey the prospect in Buganda; and as we do so we feel it to be of the brightest. We have at hand a noble band of young men ready to go forth and witness for Christ, not only to their fellow-countrymen, but also to the tribes in the regions beyond. Each one, thank God, can now be armed with "the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God." Let me invite you to be fellow-workers with these young men. You may be if you will. Follow them with your sympathy and uphold them with your prayers; so will you be sharers in the glorious enterprise. BUNYORO, which until recently was ruled by Cabarega, one of the greatest slave-raiders and slave-traders in Central Africa, has now been entered, and the old capital has been occupied. A church has been built and several hundred readers gathered together. Pray for Bunyoro. Ask God's blessing upon the efforts that are now being put forth for its evangelization. TORO is another most promising field for missionary enterprise outside the limits of Buganda. It borders upon the Congo Free State, and is ruled over by a Christian king, Daudi Kasagama. Is it not a wonderful thing that in the district of Mount Ruwenzori, which was only discovered by Stanley some eight years ago, there are at the present time some 1,000 readers? I greatly hope that Toro may become a strong base from whence the messengers of the Gospel may penetrate into the countries beyond the Semliki river, which are, it is believed, inhabited by cannibals. Let me ask your prayers on their behalf. Then again there is the country of KOKI on the south-west—the key to the greater countries of ANKORI and KAZIBA. Work has already been commenced in Koki; but it is much more difficult than the work in Toro. The king is not unfavorable, but he is a slave of Satan—given up to the indulgence of his fleshly appetites. Pray for him and his country. BUSOGA too, on the east of Buganda, needs much of your prayerful sympathy. The people have suffered sorely in days gone by from the slave-raider and

trader. God help them now to accept the offer of salvation which comes to them from their old oppressors in Buganda!

IV. CONCLUSION.—But when I ask for your prayers and sympathy for the work of the Church in Buganda, I would not have you forget the solemn fact that at this, the close of the 19th century of the Christian era, there are something like a thousand million of souls in the world who know nothing of Christ as God and Savior. Our sympathies should be worldwide. The command is to go into *all* the world and preach the Gospel to *every* creature. Let the world, then, have your help, your sympathy and your prayers. I have told you about what God has done in Buganda in order that you may see what a wonder-working God He is, and that although the powers and forces of evil are mighty, greater is He that is for us than all that be against us. What God has done in Buganda He is able to do in India, or China, or among any of the heathen nations of the world. But in His great love and wondrous condescension, he deigns to use human instrumentality—it may be you or me. The open world cries loudly to us for help. Let us go to our knees, and from our knees to the work. The time is short. Souls are precious. Jesus Christ is worthy—He will work with us—He is ever the same. In days of old we read that "the disciples went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following." If you would be co-workers with Jesus Christ, give yourself entirely to Him, to glorify Him wherever you may be—at home or at school—and in his own way, and in his own time, He will show you what your part is to be in this glorious enterprise, of the EVANGELIZATION OF THE WORLD.

"Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
The strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle,
The next the victor's song.
To him that overcometh,
A crown of life shall he;
He with the King of glory,
Shall reign eternally."

I am, yours in Christ, most faithfully,

ALFRED R. TUCKER,
Bishop of E. Eq. Africa. In C.M.S. Mag.

THE Oxford University Press is preparing to celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of Queen Victoria's reign by issuing a special edition of the Bible with two of the Queen's portraits as frontispieces, and various pictures throughout the volume symbolical of faith, hope, charity, prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance, which are to be taken from cartoons painted by Sir Joshua Reynolds. An English religious paper says, that the pictures of the Virtues were bought by Lord Normanton at the Marchioness of Thermond's sale for five thousand pounds.