

AFRICAN MISSIONS.

The *Christian Advocate* says the Rev. William Summers, M. D., a graduate from Pennington Seminary, is about to lead a party of Christian missionaries into Central Africa, under the lead and general supervision of Missionary Bishop Taylor. The plan of Bishop Taylor, concisely stated, is to plant about twenty mission stations on a line running through the rich belt of country which lies just south of the Congo River, and stretches from the Atlantic to the Indian Ocean. For this gigantic enterprise forty missionaries are needed to open the work. Of this number about twenty have been secured. Bishop Taylor himself will enter Africa from the Atlantic coast with twenty missionaries about October or November, and Dr. Summers will enter Africa from the Indian Ocean with twenty more missionaries in May or June next. Both parties will advance toward the interior until they meet, thus completing the chain of mission stations across Africa from the mouth of the Congo on the Atlantic Ocean to the mouth of the Zambezi on the Indian Ocean.

HELP FROM THE HILLS.

It must be somewhere in the grief that the help of the grief is hidden. It must be in some discovery of the divine side of the sorrow that the consolation of the sorrow will be found. It is a wondrous change when a man stops asking of his distress, "How can I throw this off?" and asks instead, "What did God mean by sending this?" Then he may well believe that time and work will help him. Time, with its necessary calming of the first wild surface tumult, will let him look deeper and ever deeper into the divine purpose of the sorrow, will let its deepest and most precious meanings gradually come forth so that he may see them. Work done in the sorrow will bring him into ever new relations to the God in whom alone the full interpretation of the sorrow lies. Time and work, not as means of escape from distress, but as the hands in which distress shall be turned hither and thither that the light of God may freely play upon it; time and work, so acting as servants of God, not as substitutes for God, are full of unspeakably precious ministries to the suffering soul.—*Rev. Philip Brooks.*

THE INNER WITNESS.

Much is said and written at the present day on the external proofs of Christianity, and comparatively little is heard of its experimental evidence. And yet, in the great majority of cases, the latter carries a force of conviction which the former never can have. Joseph Cook has this to say on the subject: "The Apostolic Church has much of the inner witness, we have made too little of it. Turn a telescope on a star. At that instant when the telescope has reached the right position the light flashes through the tube and produces an image of the star in the dark chambers of the telescope. Just so when the human will yields to God, there flashes through the human spirit the light from heaven, and there is found within us the star of a sense of forgiveness, a star which the Bible itself calls the day star, and unto which, as it avers, we do well to give heed. The inner sense of forgiveness, has been made too emphatic in certain systems of theology. But in other systems it has by no means been made emphatic enough. I am not opposed to the mystic side of Christianity because I rarely emphasize it. My business is with relations of religion and science. Put together the scientific and mystic sides of religion, and this full representation of Christian truth will overpower all opposition."

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