

into closer contact with the heathenism of Africa and the Mohammedanism of the Arabs. Commerce will make its channels broad and deep. The plowshare of war will break up the soil. Science will contribute its aid in manifold ways. Steamers will soon churn into foam the placid waters of those great lakes and rivers; and where waterways are impracticable, railways will be built. Such is the outlook for Africa. It is not in vain that Livingstone toiled and died for this great continent. It is not in vain that Hannington fell, as it were on the threshold of his beneficent enterprise. It is not in vain that Stanley and his associates venture all in the interests of humanity and civilization. A chain of mission stations will soon reach across the continent from Zanzibar to the mouth of the Congo. Then, and not till then, the period will come when Livingstone's eager wishes and his prophetic declarations shall be fulfilled, and slave-hunting shall cease forever.

The Bible in Schools.

THE country that would exclude the Holy Scriptures from its Schools would be guilty of criminal folly. But it is not enough that we should abstain from insulting God by the expulsion of His Word from our institutions of learning. We must do all that in us lies to have the Bible diligently and reverently taught in our Sabbath Schools and Churches, and especially in our families. Faithful domestic teaching is perhaps the most effective of all. Even the Sabbath School cannot do the full work of the parent. The school by the fireside is often the very best of schools. Let us see to it that the Bible be entrenched in the hearts and memories of the people, and then we need not fear.

It is astonishing to see the number of families, nominally Protestant, throughout the land, that are without a copy of the Holy Scriptures in their dwellings. We may fairly assume that the maritime provinces are in this respect on a level with Ontario and the new provinces,—no better and no worse. Well: one Society with headquarters at Halifax, has been at work for nineteen years circulating Bibles, tracts and

Christian literature in general; and the colporteurs of this Society have found no fewer than 2,369 families without a copy of the Scriptures. It is probable that in Ontario, 12,000 nominal Protestant families might be found without a copy of the Bible. The fact that we have the Word of God in print and at extremely low prices surely makes it doubly our duty to see to it, that no families shall grow up in utter ignorance of the sacred volume. In Quebec, it is gratifying to know that by means of our Board of French Evangelization and other agencies, thousands of homes are annually being supplied with copies of the Word of Life. May the time soon come when the Bible will be found and read in every home in the land.

Revivals.

MOST cheering is the item in our report of the Presbytery of Sydney—an average of 130 members added within the year to seven congregations. An equal rate of progress over the whole church would mark an epoch in our history. Let us hope and pray and work for great things. There is nothing too hard for the Almighty. Large accessions are reported in other Presbyteries, east and west. The Church has been prospering in the essential element of success, the winning of souls. For this let us be devoutly thankful. It is noteworthy that in connection with every revival which we report, there is a revival of liberality on the part of the Christian people. Conscience is quickened with respect to the Lord's claims on our property. Arrears of ministerial stipend are wiped out. All the schemes of the church are cheerfully remembered. Not less important is the effect of revivals on our pastors. They rejoice with great joy over a bountiful harvest crowning years of toil and anxiety. Their hands are strengthened, their hearts are cheered and their zeal burns with a clearer light. Often their physical health is benefited by the success which they witness and the spiritual blessings they enjoy. Weeks and months of unremitting labour are endured without fainting or murmuring. Praise God, bless God, for the crowning joy of special success!