

History of Christian missions which we have never seen equaled in its way, all of them by the same gifted author, will not need to be told that this latest volume from his pen, recently issued by John Murray of London, is a book without which no ministers library is complete. It is one of the grandest books that modern biographers have offered to the public.

#### Livingstonia Mission.

[The following letter reached Dr. Sherwood's home November 3d, too late for his eyes to read it. Notwithstanding the personal references, the Editor feels that it belongs to the readers of THE REVIEW.]

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Mvera Station, May 11, 1890.

DEAR BROTHER:—Were there the least doubt about the excellence and usefulness of your REVIEW, I should gladly give my testimony in its favor. Let me merely mention that, along with many thousands of your readers, I most heartily enjoy and profit by it. Especially on a Sabbath afternoon or evening, after several services and two Bible-classes, feeling somewhat tired, it is with great pleasure that I take up THE MISSIONARY REVIEW and read it through, I may literally say, from beginning to end. Even though the "news" is from four to five months old when it reaches us, we, nevertheless, eagerly look forward to each following number.

I have, of late especially, enjoyed an article in the number for September, 1890, on "Prayer-Basis of Mission Work," by Dr. Pierson. I have read and re-read it, and read it to my companions, and each time I feel more than ever that "*the whole basis of successful missionary work is to be found in believing and importunate prayer.*" These words should be written in letters of gold on the tablets of our memory.

The items of news you give from various fields of labor are most in-

teresting and valuable. One sees as in a birdseye-view the steady and sure advance of the Master's Kingdom, and we rejoice.

In the work of a missionary there is often much to disappoint. One has to sow in faith and labor in patience, seeing no sign of a reaping-time. But when one reads of others who are already rejoicing in the ingathering of an abundant harvest, he for a moment forgets the plowing and sowing, the watering and waiting, and cannot help sharing in their joy and the Master's.

Another end gained by your REVIEW is that our hearts are enlarged and we begin to have a fore-taste of that glorious time for which our Saviour prayed: "That they may be one even as we are one. . . . that they may be perfected in one, that the world may know that Thou didst send Me."

With reference to the contents of THE REVIEW I have no suggestions to make. What we in the field need is an occasional inspiring article, one to rouse and encourage. To my mind there is no pen so gifted, in this respect, as that of Dr. A. T. Pierson. Let us be urged to prayer, patience, personal devotion to Christ, to faith, and faithfulness. We know these things but do not realize them.

As many of us are unable to have large libraries, a summary of the biography of some missionary hero (as has appeared of Carey, Egede, etc.), is always most acceptable, or even an episode from such a man's life, or his views on any important missionary subject. And why not publish a whole biography, continued in several numbers?

As regards my own work I shall not say much. At this present station we have been at work for only about six months. The work is much the same here as on other stations round the lake. We are 3,400 feet above the sea in a healthy and fertile country. A great door has been opened to us. The work is becoming more and more