

AFRICA IS BEING WON.

In an address at a missionary meeting in England, Dr. Gaul, Bishop of Mashonaland, observed: "A great deal is said about the enmity between English and Dutch, and most of it is sheer nonsense. The Boers are not ignorant, dirty, and narrow-minded. The hatred we hear of is between officials, and politicians, and capitalists, having keen and diverse interests at stake. For years I lived my life among the Boers, and many are my personal friends. But think of the prospect for Christians. Already the pioneer efforts of Livingstone are reaping fruit—the ten dioceses of South Africa on to the Zambesi, our Scotch friends at Blantyre, over the Zambesi the Universities' Central Mission, the Baptist on the Congo, Bishop Tucker in Uganda, and the start made in the vast Soudan. Slowly, but surely, Africa is being won for Christ and the Faith.

The choice of books is a question much discussed, but one that was speedily set at rest by a man who, having made a fortune as a railway contractor, had retired from business, and settled down in the west of England as a country gentleman. His house was furnished in the most approved style, with the exception of the library bookshelves. Unfortunately, he knew nothing about books himself, but one day, after measuring the shelves, he drove into the neighbouring town and called upon the postmaster, who was also a bookseller and knew something about books. "You are a bookseller, Mr. A., I believe?" "Yes," answered the postmaster. "Very well, I want you to fill up my library for me. I have sixty feet of shelving

I want ten feet of history, ten feet of novels, ten feet of poetry, ten feet of religion, ten feet of science add ten feet of other sorts of books. I understand you know your business, and I leave the choice of the books to you." After some further talk the order was accepted, and executed to the owner's satisfaction, which was greatly increased when visitors to his house complimented his judicious selection of books in his library.

"I have but one book," said Collins, the poet—the author of the "Ode to the Passions"—to Dr. Johnson, when he was poor and lonely; "I have but one book now, the Bible, but it is the best." In point of fact the Bible is not a book at all, but a literature, and, as Edmund Burke said: "An infinite collection of the most varied and venerable literature." It is the literature of the Jews, or rather the fragmentary and multifarious remains of nearly all that is extant in their literature during the course of a thousand years. It has something for all, and everything for some. It is like the great ash tree Ygdrasyl of Northern fable whose leaves were the lives of men; and as we read its pages, instinct with the histories of an unnumbered souls, it seems as if those pages were blown to and fro by great winds of human destiny.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie, in a speech recently made in Brooklyn, said: "The word philanthropist so often means a man or woman possessed of good impulses, but not, to put it mildly, unduly possessed with good sense. He is entitled to be considered a wise man who so administers his surplus wealth as to advance the genuine good of his

fellows, and not to sap their spirit of independence and self-respect. We have not yet reached the full noon of the bright day when men having surplus income beyond their needs will realize that to leave millions to children is not to benefit the recipients, but probably to injure them.

One of the wealthiest men of Austria was the Jew, Baron Herman von Konigswarter. In his will he left his colossal fortune to his son Baron Moritz, but with certain restrictions in the event of his becoming a Christian or allowing any of his sons to do so. One of his sons recently embraced Christianity. The result was a forfeiture of an enormous sum of money.

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