

ing the grounds of the Northfield Seminary, was found to be for sale, and at a very low price. One of the editors ventured to purchase the property in behalf of the friends of missions, and we now desire the prayerful and sympathetic co-operation of all willing hearts in the furtherance of what we believe "God has put into our own heart to do" for his own servants.

Letter to Henry M. Stanley.

We have been favored with the following letter, with the request to give it to our readers, with such comment as it might suggest. We cheerfully comply. The letter will speak for itself. And sure we are that Mr. Stanley will give it due consideration, and a fitting reply. The subject of the letter is one of profound interest to the whole American people, as well as to Africa. It is an important factor in the stupendous unsolved problem of the future of the negro race. For ourselves, we are more and more confident that Divine Providence is shaping events so as to use our rapidly augmenting colored population to take a very important part in the occupation, the civilization and the evangelization of the immense territories in Africa, so suddenly and wonderfully opened up and brought under the protectorate of the leading European powers. We have in the South, abundant material out of which to make, in due time, thousands of missionaries, the peers of Bishop Crowther, who was a slave in his youth, and now a leading bishop in Africa, and who commanded the homage and admiration of the World's Missionary Conference, in London, in 1888, and whose striking photograph forms the frontispiece in the January number of this REVIEW. Such being the case, why should such numbers of the choice young men and women of the North fall victims to the climate of Africa (three of the Kansas band that sailed in May have already fallen),

when our colored brethren of the South, properly trained in medical science, could traverse and live in the "dark continent" with comparative impunity. We believe that God will force this question upon the consideration of the Church, North and South, and upon our missionary societies. We shall wait with interest Mr. Stanley's reply to Mrs. Ray's letter, which we introduce by a note from Miss Frances E. Willard, who sends it to us:—J. M. S.

"Evanston, Aug. 14, 1890.

"DR. J. M. SHERWOOD:

"HONORED BROTHER:—I am sending you a letter addressed to Henry M. Stanley, by a gifted Christian woman of the South. Would it not be well to publish this letter, with favorable commentary? It is not at all intended to exploit the colored people, but in so far as they desire to do it, to set before them this open door. Mrs. Ray says: 'Our Southern women were, for a long time, unconscious missionaries in the home for the foreign field;' and if a great magazine, like the REVIEW, would take up the subject, in its own wise and cautious way, immense good would come of it. A resolution, urging the National Women's Christian Temperance Union to give attention to this feature of missionary work, was adopted at the Asheville Women's Christian Temperance Union training-school, recently held. Please let me know how this looks to you, and give me any ideas that you think will be helpful.

"Yours, with best wishes, and grateful remembrance of your kindness,

"FRANCES E. WILLARD."

"HENRY M. STANLEY:

"HONORED SIR:—I write at a venture, to ask how shall the Southern women of the United States co-operate for the evangelization of Africa? You know the institution of slavery as it once existed in the South. You know Africa. You can contrast these conditions and determine what sort of an evangelical factor these colored people, once slaves, who still remain with us, might become to their own race in Africa. If the discipline of slavery, under superior moral conditions, should prove to have been the primary training-school for such work, now that the second step of preparation is opened to the race, through citizenship, with its attendant responsibilities and opportunities, the last link in the chain, of outgoing missionary effort by Africans in America for their own continent,