

world is lying open. The earth is helping the woman. The Macedonian cry is borne to us on every breeze. All the signs of the times betoken movement. The Lord may sooner than we think, do his short work on the earth, the sowings of generations and long forgotten labors may quickly fructify when we think not, and nations shall yet be born in a day. Let but the Spirit be poured from on high, and the wilderness shall become a fruitful field. And Christ is exalted to make Pentecosts—to send forth the power that quickens and regenerates souls.

But we know that evangelical instrumentality has yet to be applied throughout a large part of the habitable globe. There is much land to be possessed, many fields to break up and sow. Ours is this duty, labouring while we wait, praying while we labour. You and others in the outfields and wastes will not think you labor in vain. There is a special post of duty at which the great Captain stations severally all His soldiers. There then, dear brother, at yours. "Watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, give full proof of thy ministry." "Endure hardness as a good soldier of Christ." The plan of the war is with Him, and he will make all its actions and circumstances contribute to the great issue of victory; and from the obscurest positions of the field, He will bring forth all who do valiantly to recognition and reward. And you, too, having fought a good fight, and finished your course, and kept the faith, He will greet, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

"We send you now from us, dear brother, with all our warmest wishes, with all prayer. We shall follow you in thought on the voyage; we shall commend you to him who has the winds in his fists; we shall look with desire and expectation for good tidings of your labors and success in winning souls. We part now, it may be not to meet for many long years—it may be not until we stand a large company in the presence of the Lord, and before each other at his coming, to give an account of our stewardship, Oh that it may be with joy!

"*And now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.*"—*U.P.M. Record.*

SIGNS OF PROGRESS.

In the absence of any notice in this month's *Record* from Old Calabar, we are happy to announce, that two new missionaries sailed from Liverpool with the Rev. Alexander Robb, on the 24th ultimo, to reinforce our mission there. These two agents are Dr. James Robertson and Mr. James Lawson. Dr. Robertson has lately completed, in a very satisfactory manner, his studies as a medical man, and has devoted himself in that capacity to the work of our mission in Old Calabar. He was a member of the congregation under the ministry of the Rev. David Pirret, Glasgow. He goes to occupy meanwhile the mission house at Old Town. His primary duties will be to attend to the health of the mission families, and to employ his medical skill wherever he has the opportunity among the natives, in such a way as, if possible, not only to heal their diseases, but to direct them to that great Physician, who alone can deliver them from the malady of sin. He will also, when called on to give medical attendance on Europeans and others connected with the shipping in the Calabar river, be understood to take his place among them as a representative of the mission, and a recognised servant of Jesus Christ. In going to discharge these momentous and difficult duties, he has claimed, and we trust he will obtain, an interest in the prayers of the Church.

Mr. Lawson, who was a member and earnest Sabbath-school teacher in our church at Carlisle, under the ministry of the Rev. Henry Miller, goes to Calabar in the capacity of teacher and catechist. He will in the first instance reside with Mr. Robb, who is expected to dwell meantime at Ikorofong, to take charge of the station there, and, so far as in his power, superintend that of Ikunetu. Mr. Lawson has already begun his study of the Efie, in this country, under Mr. Robb, and will, by the arrangement referred to, have the great advantage of prosecuting his acquisition of the language under the same superintendence and tuition. He also earnestly desires, and justly claims, an interest in the prayers of God's people in all our congregations.

Mr. Robb bears back with him to Old Calabar a gift from God and the Church to Western Africa, which it falls to the lot of few to present in the same full sense. Six years ago Mr. Goldie gave the New Testament to Old Calabar. Mr. Robb now bears to those dark shores, his translation of the Hebrew Scripture in the Efie tongue. This gift of the entire Bible marks a new and promising stage in the West African mission, and in the missionary history of our Church, which calls for special thanks to God.