

having in 1892 over 40,000 inhabitants. Its streets have a length of 85 miles and are broad and regularly laid out, the taxable valuation of the immovable property being over \$15,000,000. Almost everything necessary to the enjoyment of life can be found there. The city is said to be more than 5000 feet above the level of the sea, and is located on the "Witwatersrand," a reef which is marvellously productive of gold. Hither come workmen from all parts of the world seeking their fortunes." And especially for the sake of the Zulus congregated here the American Board sustains a mission in the city.

—The Church of Rome, through the White Fathers about Lake Tanganyika, makes a specialty of redeeming slaves in great numbers, and by this means secures a never-failing supply of "converts." *Les Missions Catholiques* gives this bill of particulars: "Of the sums collected for the redemption of slaves, his Eminence Cardinal Ledochowski, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of the Propaganda, has granted to Mgr. Barthet, Vicar-Apostolic of Senegambia, 30,000 liras (Italian); to Mgr. Toulotte, Vicar-Apostolic of the Sahara, 10,000 liras; to Mgr. Hirth, Vicar-Apostolic of the Victoria Nyanza, 20,000 liras; to Mgr. Lechaptois, Vicar-Apostolic of the Tanganyika, 20,000 liras."

—Thus far only men have been sent to Uganda as missionaries, but now the Church Missionary Society is seriously considering if the time has not come when women also may bear a part in the arduous task. Four or five married couples may soon be selected, and with them a few unmarried women may be despatched.

—The British and Foreign Bible Society makes this announcement: "A large grant of Ganda Scriptures was made by the Committee to the Church Missionary Society on July 30th. Of these, 1800 copies of the Book of Daniel, which had recently issued from the press, were sent off last month; 10,000

copies of the New Testament were also granted, but as the Society's stock of these was exhausted, printing had to be begun. On September 5th, 5025 copies, or a little over half the required number, were sent out of the warehouse to be shipped for Mombasa. They were packed in 67 zinc-lined boxes, containing 75 each, and weighing about 60 pounds. It is expected that the remainder, with 2000 copies of the latter half of the New Testament, will be printed, packed, and despatched in time for the next monthly shipment."

ISLANDS OF THE SEA.

—The Protestant portion of Christendom cannot but watch the encroachments of France upon Madagascar with deepest solicitude and apprehension; for wherever she undertakes to subdue or colonize she is quite certain to play the part of meddler and mischief-maker. Against the English tongue she holds a grudge, and though caring little for any religion for religion's sake, yet prefers Catholicism because it can be used for political purposes. Should she invade and conquer the island, the magnificent missions now existing would be in the utmost jeopardy.

—The Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society has fallen heir to the achievements wrought by the English Wesleyans in Fiji, Samoa, New Britain, and British New Guinea, and makes report of 1542 preaching places occupied by 23 English missionaries, 76 native ministers, 1243 teachers, 2383 local preachers, 4035 class leaders, and 2379 school-teachers. The native church-members number 33,376, with 6205 on trial and 112,817 attendants on public worship. There are 40,875 in the day schools. Fiji alone has 30,533 in the churches. This society has decided to purchase a boat to be used in conveying teachers to and from New Britain and New Guinea. The Rev. F. Langham, of Fiji, has been invited to visit the colonies in order to carry out the revision of the Fiji Bible.