

and Scott, among the Zulus ; Moffat, among the Bechuanas ; Bushnell, at the Gaboon ; Mackay, in Uganda ; Hogg and Lansing, in the Nile Valley ; Richards, on the bank of the Congo ; Johnson, in Sierra Leone ; George Thompson, at the Mendi Mission ; so long as we have the story of Madagascar, Lovedale, Hogbrook, Wellington, Blantyre, Impolwene, we shall be reluctant to believe that any other field of labor has more abundantly borne fruit under Gospel tillage than this same Dark Continent.

With many positions of Dr. Johnston we are in the heartiest agreement, especially with his inveighings against the demand for interesting and encouraging "reports" to be read at quarterly and annual meetings at home, and which tempt not only to a false standard of estimating results, but to a false way of stating them.* The outcry and clamor for visible results is born of unbelief. "He that observeth the wind shall not sow, and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap." There is in all mission work a period of breaking up fallow ground and of seed sowing, and even the harvest time is often succeeded by times of drought and barrenness. All honor to those who, like the "lonely and sorely tried workers" in the Matabele country and the Barotse Valley, are "foundation workers, toiling deep down in superstition and gross darkness," like the "toilers in mud and stone," who laid the massive masonry that holds up the Forth Bridge.† In the day when God's structure stands complete they shall be recognized and rewarded.

He quotes certain statements from M. C. Fenwick, of Corea, which were addressed to Dr. Brookes and meant as a private communication, but published by him in *The Truth*, concerning which Mr. Fenwick sends the editor a communication which will be found in the Editorial Department. Mr. Fenwick adopted hasty conclusions, which he now cordially *withdraws*, as perhaps Dr. Johnston, in his love of truth, may by and by be compelled to do also. But when Dr. Johnston or any one else states that a certain missionary has falsified facts deliberately, we stop and demand more evidence before we give credence.

We can sympathize with all Dr. Johnston's invectives against misleading reports and statistics, as where a station is marked as though occupied, where somebody simply "*wants to go*;" ‡ yet even here there may be only a mistake. In preparing a map of a mission territory it is common to select points for occupation, and it might be inferred by some one examining such map that these projected stations are all actual. Let us not needlessly attribute intent to deceive when another interpretation will suffice.

He deals without delicacy with the British South African Company and its pretensions to "British protectorate;" its securing of a commercial monopoly, and appropriation of valuable presents meant for the queen ! He thinks that, instead of opening up an entrance to the heart of Africa for the Gospel, it will take more than one generation to eradicate the bitter hate and deep-seated dread felt by the natives to the white man.§ The

* P. 156.

† P. 160.

‡ P. 163.

§ Pp. 145, 146, 260, 261.