

no Christian literature, except Bibles imported from China, and half a dozen tracts; now the whole Bible in Japanese, with more than 1,000,000 copies of at least one Testament scattered through the land, not less than 40 weekly, monthly, and quarterly newspapers and magazines under Christian management, together with hundreds of works covering every department of Christian truth. Surely these pictures show that Christ has come to Japan, and that His spirit is working mightily in a thousand ways for the regeneration of the Orient.

The Scotch Free Church Livingstonia Mission has been laboring in British Central Africa for over twenty years. During that time many noble men and women have laid down their lives for their brethren. One station has increased to seven stations with many more out-stations and commanding a range 500 miles in length. Five Christian congregations have been formed, and there are, besides, large classes of inquirers. Seven languages have been reduced to writing, and are now a medium for Gospel truth. There are 40 Christian schools, with over 7000 scholars, and above 100 native preachers are engaged as itinerating evangelists. Like other stations, however, the very success of this mission is a cause for perplexity, since increase of funds do not keep pace with the increase in the demands of the work.

Much attention has of late been attracted to the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute through the able addresses by its principal, Booker T. Washington. This institute is founded on right principles, and is accomplishing a great work in the upbuilding of the negroes in intelligence, prosperity, and true Christian character. During 1895, 480 boys and 329 girls have been in attendance, coming from 17 States and 1 Territory. They average about eighteen years of age, and receive instruction by 66 teachers in normal and literary branches and

in 22 industries. The principle of self-help is especially prominent, the pupils doing all of their own work, and having built many of their own buildings. A strong religious atmosphere prevails, and many of the students have become successful pastors and teachers.

A letter from King Menelek of Abyssinia to Mr. F. S. R. Clark, an English missionary, appears in *Le Figaro* of February 3d. It is translated in the *Christian Intelligencer*.

"You are mistaken in believing that I do not care for your prayers. All prayers of believers are dear to me, even when they come from the children of Europe. Not all are aggressors in my kingdom; not all commit the iniquity of attacking those whom they hope to find weaker than themselves; not all have bent the knee before Baal, the god of destruction and the slaughterer of brothers. Many, I am sure, still truly adore the God of the cross, the God of justice and of peace. With them I feel in perfect communion of faith, and I am happy that they pray for me, for my household, and my people.

"I only wish that they would make truth dwell in the sanctuary, and that instead of a mutilated Gospel which explains the confusion and the infidelity of the peoples of Europe, they would return and lead others back to the true Gospel which began with the creation of the world.

"By what right do they efface the whole portion of it which precedes the coming of Jesus Christ, and have they done away with what God established for all time?

"What you call the Old Testament is as true as the New, and what is contained in it must be respected and observed by those who follow Jesus and the apostles, announced by the prophets.

"Never did Jesus abolish the distinctive mark of His race, since He was subjected to it by His holy mother on the eighth day. To suppress thus what God established 'from age to age and from forever to forever,' is to weaken the faith, is to furnish the same spectacle shown by the Christians of Europe. It is not only without that they use violence, but also within, against the Jews who are, nevertheless, Christian souls, and to whom we owe our Savior. There are more than 300,000 of them in my kingdom, and, tho they enjoy a