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Frontispiece.

Those who have been privileged to hear Mr. Sheppard in his addresses when at home will remember his quiet humor and his facetious way of sometimes putting things. We were reminded of these characteristics on receiving from him lately the package of photographs for illustrating this issue of THE MISSIONARY, one of these pictures, which we chose as a frontispiece, being marked by him on the reverse side, "Pennsylvania Avenue, Ibanj." Of course there must be a little stretch of the imagination to see a "Pennsylvania Avenue" on the opposite page; and yet when we remember that less than half a dozen years ago this Ibanj region was the home of wild savages, the transformation is marvelous. We are sure our readers will look with peculiar interest on the pictures from that far-away land which so well illustrate the June number of THE MISSIONARY and *The Children's Missionary*, pictures kindly taken especially for these issues by Messrs. Sheppard and Morrison.



Messrs. Snyder and Crowley.

It is a matter of profound regret that Dr. and Mrs. Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. Crowley have been obliged to sever their connection with the Congo Mission. This step was not taken hastily. It was occasioned by the continued ill health of Mrs. Snyder and Mrs. Crowley, making

it impossible for their husbands to return with any definite hope that the ladies could join them anywhere in the near future. Indeed, the physicians have positively forbidden the return of both of them. It is with a feeling of personal sorrow that the editor of this magazine has found it needful to erase their names from the roll of our missionaries. Dr. Snyder has been at the very masthead of that roll for full ten years. The memories that gather about his outgoing are particularly tender. The cable had just flashed through the seas the distressing news of the death of young Samuel Lapsley. Dr. and Mrs. Snyder had already offered for the Mission Field without definite assignment. Lapsley's death, just ten years ago, gave definite shape to their wish to go at once and take up the work his young hands had laid down. And in all these ten years no more faithful or devoted servant of our church has shared her loving confidence than our beloved Dr. Snyder. In his case especially the sense of bereavement in a severance of ties is strong and tender. But Mr. and Mrs. Crowley and Mrs. Snyder have also won the warm esteem of the whole church, and we grieve to note their retirement. May God's richest blessings attend them wherever He shall cast their lot. Mr. Crowley has accepted the pastorate of the Lake City church in Florida, and he and Mrs. Crowley re-

pair to their new field the latter part of May.



Luebo and Uganda.

A careful perusal of Mr. Morrison's interesting report, found in this issue of THE MISSIONARY, must awaken feelings of profound gratitude. God has wonderfully blessed our Congo Mission. Mr. Morrison rightly suggests as the only parallel to it the great Uganda Mission of the C. M. S. Had we the force that our English brethren have, no doubt another decade would show results remarkably similar. As Mr. Morrison states, one year before his writing there were 382 communicants; when he penned this report twelve months later there were 854 communicants. This is, indeed, a remarkable growth—nearly 500 in one year. We have had no mission in all the forty years of our experience that can parallel it. And one of the most interesting features about it is that the majority of the Christians are young people. This gives great hopefulness to the church there. These young people are less steeped in superstition, their minds are more flexible, and they can be more easily trained in the ways of Christianity. The benevolence of this young church is also most gratifying, 175,000 cowry shells, as their gifts in one year, though the sum only equals \$162.00, is nevertheless a most notable feature; for with that poor people the real value of these shells is much greater, perhaps at least ten times greater, or even more.

Congo Native Evangelists.

Another hopeful feature about this young church, as will be seen from Mr. Morrison's report, is in the evangelistic spirit of this people. They realize that they hold the gospel in trust, and that, having been redeemed, their highest privilege and chief business is to be witness-bearers to Him who redeemed

them. Consequently a large number are impelled by their own sense of gratitude to their Lord to go forth and tell the good news to their fellows. It is largely through these native evangelists that the church is spreading so rapidly.



Re-enforcement to the Congo Mission.

We trust that the interesting articles found in this issue (and we would express our deep sense of gratitude to our friends in Congo-land for the wealth of material they have sent us for this number), will serve as a trumpet call to many of our young people to go forth to the rescue of the noble little band, now so reduced in numbers, and toiling in great loneliness in our African Mission. Let Lapsley's grave at Underhill, the wonderful growth of the church at Luebo and Ibanj, and the loud cry that comes from all the surrounding region, be a mighty call to some in their midst to go forth and help gather in the great harvest. If properly re-enforced, so that the missionaries might not be overworked, and might be able to take needed furloughs in time, we believe the climate need not be ordinarily any great obstacle. But even if it is, our Lord's command is to go into all the world. Moreover, soldiers and traders do not hesitate to go to the heart of Africa, to the Philippines, or to any other tropical clime, and shall soldiers of Christ be less courageous and obedient?



The Children's Missionary

From many sources we hear the earnest expression that the *Children's Missionary* be not discontinued. It has hundreds and thousands of warm friends, and we believe they only need to know of the possible danger of its discontinuance to rise to its support. The leading churches North, the Presbyterian, Congregationalist, Baptist and Methodist, all publish such periodicals for their

children, and with one consent they all testify that such publications are regarded as absolutely necessary in order to the training of a new generation of supporters of the work. In several instances these children's magazines North do not pay expense of publication; nevertheless, the brethren of those churches feel that they cannot afford to be without this important auxiliary to their work. We trust, therefore, that the little magazine has yet a long life before it of increasing prosperity and usefulness.

A Cheering Outlook.

It will be gratifying to all friends of Foreign Missions to know that the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions in New York closed its year, April 30th, with an advance over last year of more than \$100,000. The receipts for the year ending April 30, 1901, were \$1,000,000; the receipts for the year just closed were something over \$1,100,000. As Mr. Speer expresses it, "This is the best year in the history of the Board." We rejoice with our New York brethren and congratulate them that they can now vigorously prosecute the larger work they have earnestly contemplated.

Southern Methodist Missions: A Fine Showing.

On the last day of April the Board of Missions of the Southern Methodist Church, in annual session in Nashville, received from its Treasurer a most gratifying report. This report shows that the receipts of the Board for the past year were \$25,507 in excess of the receipts for the previous year, and that for the quadrennium just ending the Board's receipts were \$112,775 in excess of those for the previous quadrennium. But this is not all; the Woman's Board, as separate from the general Board, showed in its report an excess of \$95,836 during the past four years over the preceding quadrennium. These

figures relate only to their Foreign Missionary work. The Home Mission Board likewise shows large gains. In the general Treasurer's report just referred to there were some specially interesting items. A native coffee planter in Brazil had given \$10,000 to the work in that land. He had been moved to this by a strong premonition of early death, and had accordingly made his will, including this gift of \$10,000. Two weeks later he was waylaid by robbers and killed. An equally interesting story in the Treasurer's report came from China. Dr. W. H. Park, in charge of the Southern Methodist Hospital in Suchow, had made a social call on the Governor of the province. The next day the Governor sent a servant to Dr. Park's home, bearing a tray, on which was done up in a neat package one thousand silver dollars. This was followed by similar gifts, presented in the same way by the native Treasurer and Judge of the Supreme Court. Thus three thousand dollars had been given to the work in Suchow through three friendly officials. We congratulate our Southern Methodist friends on this fine showing, and join with them in gratitude to the Head of the Church who has moved these native friends, in lands so widely separated, to give so royally to the "King's business."

Automobiles in China.

The Shanghai papers for some weeks past have had much to say respecting the proposition of a syndicate to inaugurate a rapid transit system in that oriental city, not by electric cars, but by automobiles. It would seem that the automobiles are to have attached to them one or more light carriages, and that these are to render in Shanghai the service rendered in our cities by the car system. The matter has not yet been decided. A foreign company is earn-