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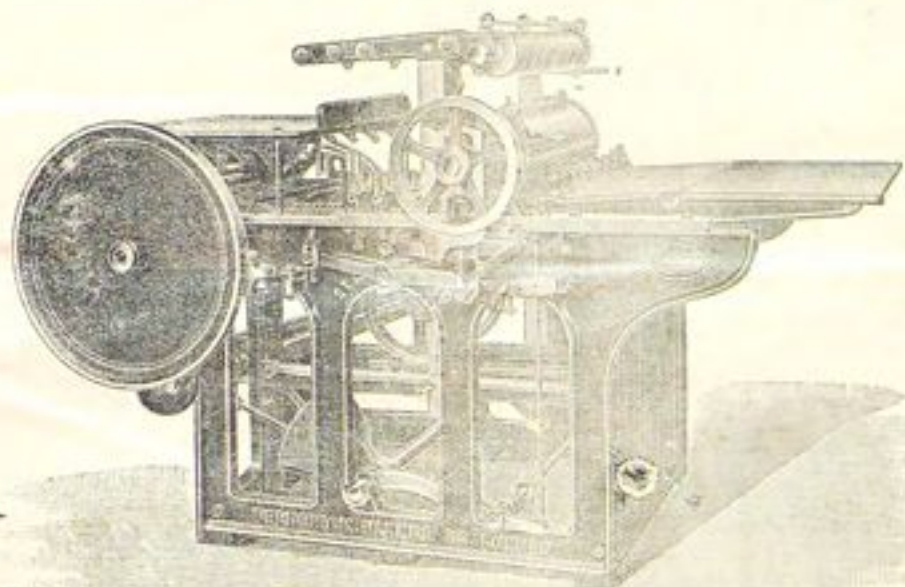
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Luebo, Congo Free State, Africa. January 1, 1908.

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## The New Cylinder Press.



The above is a picture of the new cylinder press which was secured some years ago through the liberality of friends in America. The installation of this new press in a new brick printing-house, which has just been completed, marks the beginning of a new era in our Printing Department. A good quantity of type and other supplies is on the way, and we are looking forward with bright prospects to catching up in the near future with the ever increasing demands for our native literature. So great, in fact, have been these demands that nearly every edition is now exhausted.

We have in anticipation several new books, some or all of which we hope to bring out during the year. The manuscript for First and Second Read-

ers in the Bakuba dialect is in hand and there is in course of preparation the full series of the International S. S. Lessons in the Bakuba dialect. This latter will give an outline of the Bible until the slower and more difficult translation of the whole Bible is ready for publication, which will require perhaps many years of work.

Our Printing Department is supported through the liberality of the Second Church of St. Joseph, Mo. We believe we are safe in saying that no other department of our work can show such splendid results.

It may interest some to know that this press was on the old "Lapsley" when she sank. It shows, however, but little signs of having been at the bottom of the Congo river.



worlds. There are armed sentries of chartered trading companies who force the men and women to spend most of their days and nights in the forests making rubber, and the price they receive is so meagre that they cannot live upon it. In the majority of the villages these people have not time to listen to the Gospel story, or give an answer concerning their souls' salvation. Looking upon the changed scene now, one can only join with them in their groans as thy must say: "Our burdens are greater than we can bear."

Just near the mission station, however, it is still reasonably prosperous. The parents send their children to school and to church. Many of them are in training to become teachers and preachers to their own people. The in-

dustrial part of the work is doing beautifully. Church services are held daily in all the near villages, Sabbath Schools are taught by competent evangelists. The Lord is showering blessings upon them and they appreciate it and prove it by their works.

In 1890 our church sent a lighted torch into Central Africa, entrusting it into the hands of the immortal Samuel N. Lapsley. That light has not been extinguished and shall never be. It has sent forth its rays of light and life into hundreds of homes, and the great highway from Central Africa to Glory has been lighted up by it, and thousands have been led to walk therein. May a blessing rest upon all who have in any way aided in sending the light into this dark land.

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## Working with the Hands.

By A. L. EDMISTON.

EXPERIENCE is now teaching us that in order to christianize and to bring true civilization to the natives of Central Africa industry must play a very important part. Although our mission is solely religious, we have come to the conclusion that a little instruction along industrial lines will do no harm.

Every year there comes to us a large number of boys expressing a desire to become Christians, and to learn to read and write. Our hearts go out after them for we feel sure that the success of our work depends largely on our getting hold of the young people, but to take so many with nothing special for them to do would incur a very large expense to the mission. Therefore, in view of these facts, we have begun some regular industrial features for the boys who work a part of the day and spend the rest of the time attending all our daily religious

services and the day school. Some of these boys are employed in the printing office and are now able, with assistance, to do much of the work of the printing department. Others are learning to make fields and gardens, while still others are learning the carpenters trade, etc. This last phase is proving most interesting, profitable and attractive, and is benefiting the people in many ways.

It is a great pleasure to visit many of the native homes near us and find nicely fenced in places with fruit trees, and nice large houses with windows, doors, beds, tables, chairs, etc., made by the pupils of our industrial schools, the value of whose work covers the most of their expenses.

We earnestly pray that God may bless this with all the other phases of our work, for we hope to draw from these industrial schools many of our best evangelists,