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FOREWORD

BOLENGE has become a household word among the Disciples of Christ. In ten years one of the greatest churches in the world has been built up at that place out of the most unpromising materials. There has been a widespread demand for the publication of the facts relating to the Bolenge church. It was in response to that demand that this book has been written. It is believed that Christ will be greatly honored and the faith of many of His followers greatly strengthened by its publication.

Mrs. Royal J. Dye, the author, has spent two terms of missionary service on the Congo. She has had personal knowledge of the work there almost from the beginning. Because of the condition of her health she was unable to return with her husband on his third term of service. While at home she has assisted the work by writing this book.

The reader will find it a mine of information about conditions in Central Africa. Any one who will read the first chapter will want to read every line of the book, and will want to read everything else that he can find on the same subject. God is doing marvelous things on the Congo; things that all intelligent people will find worth knowing.

It is reported that a popular magazine pays ex-President Roosevelt one dollar for every word he writes about his hunting trip in Africa. Ex-President Roosevelt is an interesting man, but he has nothing to compare in value with the contents of Mrs. Dye's book. The accounts of the Arctic experiences and discoveries of Dr. Cook and Commander Peary are of much less significance to the Kingdom than this volume. "Bolenge" is a book to be read and studied. It is a book that will call out joyful thanksgiving from every one who is interested in the progress of the gospel.

ARCHIBALD McLEAN.

Cincinnati, September 11, 1909.

Bolenge has gone through eight editions. Few missionary books have been more widely read or gladly received. It is impossible to estimate the good resulting to the missionary cause from the circulation of this volume. There has been a marked growth in our Congo Mission since Mrs. Dye wrote the book in 1909. Her story is just as fresh and stirring as ever, however. There is a constant demand for *Bolenge*, and no doubt will be for many years to come. Since the book was written the two new stations of Lotumbe and Monieka have been opened and the mission steamer built. The membership of the churches has increased to over 3,000, there being over 1,000 baptisms during 1912. Those who wish to know more concerning the present state of the work will be interested in reading "Among Central African Tribes" by Secretary Stephen J. Corey, who visited the field in 1912.

Cincinnati, September, 1913.

A. McLEAN.

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