



125. A Memorial to Dr. Livingstone

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An interesting relic of the great African explorer has recently come into the possession of the Royal Geographical Society, by whose courteous permission the photograph which is appended is reproduced. The tree at the foot of which Livingstone's heart was buried by his faithful native followers in 1873, was found not long ago by Mr. Weatherly to be in a precarious condition; and the Royal Geographical Society at once took steps to secure the removal of the section of the tree which bears the commemorative inscription, for safe keeping in this country. Through the good offices of Mr. Alfred Sharpe, the British Commissioner in Nyasaland, and of Mr. Robert Codrington, the representative of the British South Africa Company in the



Bangweulu region, the section of the tree has been transported to England, and is now to be seen in the house of the Royal Geographical Society. The inscription runs as follows:—

“David Livingstone. Died May 4, 1873. Chuma. Souza. Mniasere. Uchopere.”

Subsequently the spot where the tree stood has been marked by an obelisk of concrete, twenty feet high, surmounted by a cross, and adorned on its four faces with commemorative inscriptions. Representations of this monument, and of the tree before it was cut down, will be found in the *Geographical Journal* on p. 636 and p. 638 respectively.

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