

Colombia. In these four countries we have in all fifteen stations, one only in Colombia, three in Chili, one in Peru, and ten in Brazil. In all these stations we have only about twenty-four ordained preachers and thirty-six women and other teachers and helpers, some sixty in all. The population of these four states cannot fall far short of 17,000,000.

Missionaries to South America have found everywhere two things, *spiritual destitution* and *formidable antagonism*. And yet these priest-ridden masses are weary of their thralldom, though scarce ready for the liberty of the Gospel, especially among the men and youths there is no love for the "Church"—at the best, only a superstitious fear. Deism and practical immorality are fearfully prevalent, with no conception of a spiritual type of piety to antidote general religious *apathy*.

Where Protestant Missions are once planted and firmly rooted, marked changes begin in the whole social life. Bibles are scattered, schools established, a pure Gospel preached; and instead of the atheism that springs out of the ruins of Romanism, evangelical doctrine and practice burst into bloom.

Now is the golden opportunity for evangelizing South America. All times of transition are crises. The *old* is broken up, but what the new shall be is ours, under God, to determine. God has given us convincing proofs that Protestantism is the lever to uplift these people to a higher plane. *Prompt* and vigorous occupation of the ground, earnest, consecrated evangelism. What might they not do for South America?

The Great African Mission Field.

No other country is attracting so much attention as Africa. For many generations most of it has been considered an unknown land, and even yet, there is generally but a slight apprehension of its vast extent. If it were divided by an east and west line, running a little north of the equator, the northern portion would receive all North America, and the southern would embrace all Europe including Russia. The population is estimated by Mr. Stanley at 250,000,000. Six hundred languages and dialects are spoken, of which not more than one in six is a vehicle of the word of God. At least 150,000,000 of the people are entirely destitute of all knowledge of the Gospel.