

the state of Ohio, and from that small beginning the African Methodist Episcopal Church has been established in every State of the Union and many territories. They have crossed the sea many times since they first organized and proclaimed the glad tidings on the shores of Africa. The Rev. E. W. Blyden, one of the most distinguished linguists of the African race, was born in St. Thomas, West Indies, and, after residing in the United States for several years, went to Liberia in 1854. He represented Liberia at the Court of St. James. In reading Dr. Blyden's *Methods of the Conversion of Africa*, he speaks as I do, that the African himself is the Instrument by which Africa is to become Christianized and refers to the incident of the Ethiopian eunuch coming up to Jerusalem in search of the truth, and on his returning home was baptized by Philip and received the holy light of the gospel and conveyed it back to Ethiopia. He became the founder of the Abyssinian Church, which continues to this day. This Ethiopian was a high officer in the Court of Candace, or the black Queens that ruled Ethiopia at that period. There were several black queens that ruled Ethiopia at different times, but they were each called Candace of Sheba, or Ethiopia; that was the title in place of queen. This same black lady sovereign visited the great King Solomon at one time at Jerusalem in search of truth, and it is said she carried the true light to the uttermost parts of the earth to her subjects.. Abyssinia is a portion of Ethiopia