

MISSIONS OF THE WHITE FATHERS IN AFRICA.

The Society of the African Missionaries called the *White Fathers*, was founded at Algiers by Cardinal Lavigerie.

Last June, the Society had the charge of 105 Stations belonging to 7 Apostolic Vicariates, and to one Prefecture. The Missionaries then working in the Field were 463, besides a great number engaged in the general administration, or in the recruiting and training houses the Society has in America, Asia and Europe. In each Station there must be at least three Missionaries. The Fathers are helped by lay Brothers who are also members of the Society; and by Sisters, founded likewise by Cardinal Lavigerie.

The Society has two kinds of Missions. In North Africa we are working among Mahomedan populations; further South, among the coloured tribes of the Soudan and of the Equatorial countries. These Missions cover together an area almost as large as the whole Dominion or the United States, that is to say, about two million five hundred thousand square miles — one fifth of the "Dark Continent".—As for the inhabitants of these immense countries they may be said to number more than twenty millions, about one seventh of the whole population of Africa.

Well, what are 460 Missionaries for 20,000,000 Heathens?

"Missionaries!... Send us Missionaries!" Such is the continual appeal of our Confrères in their letters to the Superiors.

"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He send forth labourers into His harvest."

In the name of all our Missionaries we earnestly beseech our Readers to remember that injunction of our Lord and help us by fervently complying with it.

The African White Sisters.

The Missionary White Sisters of our Lady of Africa, render us the most devoted assistance in our Missions. We earnestly recommend to our subscribers' prayers the White Sisters' work for the regeneration and conversion of the heathen and Mahomedan women. May they find all that is necessary for such a work, especially truly apostolic vocations: young ladies ready to undergo any sacrifice for the conversion of the poor African women.

The White Sisters' Postulate is at 41 Ramparts St., Quebec Canada.

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