

TO SHINE FOR THEE.

Tune—"He Leadeth Me."

Help us mid life's wild waves to shine
Bright lighthouse lamps o'er rock and brine;
To guide the wanderers on that sea
To a safe harbor, Lord, in Thee.

(Refrain).

To shine for Thee, to shine for Thee,
Help us, O Lord, to shine for Thee,
Lights in the world we feign would be,
Help us, O Lord, to shine for Thee.

Help us on time's dark hills to blaze,
Strong beacon fires with steadfast rays,
To lead the lost and erring right,
To urge the lingering to the flight.

Help us on every darksome way
To hold the gathering shades at bay,
Like sunbeams clear, to light the road
That leads to happiness and God.

Help us, O God, each in his place,
Fed by the sacred oil of grace,
Like temple lamps forever bright,
To burn before Thee day and night.

—Selected.

FIELD STUDY FOR AUGUST.

AFRICAN AND PARISH MISSIONS.

AFRICA.—Area more than 11,000,000 Square Miles. Population nearly 200,000,000. Religion, Mohammedanism and Fetishism. People ignorant and Degraded.

THE three greatest barriers to Christian work in Africa are polygamy, witchcraft and slavery.

Polygamy is the greatest of all obstacles to the elevation of the African women. It is the foundation of their social life; it debases all family life, and drives away all ideas of virtue. The universal belief in witchcraft has a most demoralizing effect. The details of slavery are practised, and its influence upon the women and children is a heart-sickening story. Women and children are sold in the most shameless way, and subjected to the most indescribable horrors.

Mohammedanism with its hordes of fanatical emissaries is crowding from the north and east into the interior, blighting with its devastating influences the whole population.

Within the last few years, Africa has been aroused from her apparent slumbers, and is facing the electric light of civilization.

Merchants are opening up the land, but taking with them the fearful crimes of civilized vice. Rum is desolating the country.

In 1895, King Khama of Southern Africa visited England, and pathetically pleaded with the English people not to send drink to his people. "You send your Bible," said he, "and you send your fire-water as

well, and it is destroying our men, women and children."

Missionary Work.—Light is penetrating the dense darkness, and the power of the gospel is lifting the African woman out of her misery, and giving her a position in the home and in the church, and to-day throughout "darkest Africa" may be found clusters of neat, well-ordered homes, and women faithful and devoted as wives and mothers.

Missionary societies are at work, and numbers are being trained in schools, and industrial schools have been organized where the children are being taught some useful trade.

The telegraph, printing press, and the railroad will soon more and more help the Christian missionary in his work.

The most remarkable progress has been made in the province of Uganda, which was only opened up to the Christian missionary in 1879. It now has two hundred churches and fifty thousand native Christians. During the past year the Church of England sent several women to this remote field, the first missionary women who ever attempted to reach that interior station of Africa. They were received with the greatest enthusiasm by the natives.

There is a great field for woman's work in Africa. Wherever a missionary has gone to penetrate the darkness, there has followed the devoted wife to supplement his work, while in nearly every part of the country may be found unmarried women who have devoted their lives to the uplifting of Africa's daughters.

Upon a recent occasion nine hundred natives went to one of the missionaries asking to be baptized, saying they were willing to meet the conditions, and destroy all their fetishes, idols and stores of gin, which they did in the market place.

The day dawns, the darkness disappears.

For these facts we are indebted to Mrs. J. T. Gracey, of the M. E. Church.

It is said that 15,000 Jews have been led to Christ by reading Dr. Delitzsch's Hebrew translation of the New Testament.

QUESTIONS FOR AUGUST.

What are the three greatest barriers to Christian work in Africa?

What is said of Polygamy? Of Witchcraft? Of Slavery?

What is Mohammedanism doing in Africa?

What has been done during the last few years?

What are the merchants doing for and against Africa?

How did King Kama plead for his people?

What are the light and power of the Gospel doing for African women?

What are the Missionary Societies doing for them?

What great helps have come to the Christian Missionary in his work?

Where has the most remarkable progress been made, and will you describe that progress?

For whose work is there a great field in Africa?

What have good women already done for Africa?

Please give an illustration of the power of the Gospel there?

What interesting fact is given about the Jews.