

evangelists to the heathen peoples in its neighbourhood.

In the opinion of those who have considered the problem of Africa as a whole, the missionary forces in Africa should be trebled to meet even the needs of existing missions. A more favourable attitude towards missions on the part of Christian Governments in Africa is also urgently needed, since it is clear that missionaries have been the best pioneers of commerce, the best promoters of friendly relations between the different tribes, and the best teachers of industry and order. Hausaland, hitherto almost untouched, should be made a great centre of missionary effort, which should radiate from thence to all parts of Africa, and be the most potent check to the Mohammedan advance. Medical missions have proved to be the most fruitful means of penetrating amongst the Mohammedans themselves, and Christian schools the best method of winning the still pagan natives, and preparing the way for Christian teaching.

Christian missions were started in Madagascar in 1820 with much success. A cruel persecution tried the constancy of the early