

answer. When they reached about 20 to 22 ft. depth, there was still little sign of water, and the Hindus were beginning to laugh.

But one day when one of the men struck his pick deep into the soft rock, there gushed out a regular fountain such as had not been known in that part before. The water was clear and sweet. You can imagine what a burst of gratitude arose in their hearts to God for so bountifully answering their prayer. After giving thanks, they threw down their tools and went off into the village to tell the good news.

"We've got water."

What a stir it made. Everyone, even from the villages for miles around, came to see the "Jesus Christ" well. And certainly it is a wonderful well. To have so much water in the driest part of one of the driest hot seasons I have experienced in India means a well that will, we trust, never be empty.

It is also a sermon in wells. Its fame has gone far and near, and everywhere tells the story of faith in the Lord Jesus.

When Ragbir wrote us the good news that they had found water, he asked that we should join with them in thanks to God for His gifts, and in the prayer that they would be spared for many years to drink of it and become strong in the Master's service. Will you not, my dear young friends, join with us in this prayer.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON AFRICA.

What is the area of Africa?

About eleven and a half million square miles.

What is the estimated population?

From 175,000,000 to 200,000,000.

By what name is Africa known in the Bible?

Ethiopia.

Is Africa thus often mentioned?

Yes; more than twenty times.

Are there promises in the Bible that Africa (Ethiopia) shall be turned to god?

Yes; such as Zep. iii. 10; Psa. lxxxvii. 4; but especially Psa. lxxviii. 31.

Repeat the last verse named?

"Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God."

What are the religions of Africa?

Mohammedanism and Fetishism.

Where are the followers of Mohammed chiefly found?

In North Africa, Egypt, the Soudan, and eastern equatorial Africa.

What is a fetish?

Something a savage may worship, and in which a supernatural spirit is supposed to live.

Of what are they made?

Of anything—a piece of wood, bark, broken pottery, stone, etc.

Is a fetish just the same as an idol?

No; for, while the savage may indeed worship it, he also believes he has power over it to make it do as he pleases.

Is this the lowest form of idolatry?

Yes; and the most debasing.

Is all of Africa mission ground, and is it all open to missionaries?

Yes; unless we except extreme South Africa, which has become Christian, as a colony of England, Abyssinia, and parts of the Sudan.

Is there a nominal Christian church in Abyssinia?

Yes; the Coptic, established there in the fourth century, but now very corrupt.

What is the condition of the millions of Africa?

One of ignorance, wickedness, and unnumbered woes.

Are many churches working for the redemption of Africa?

Yes; all the leading churches in the world.

Name some of the great missionaries who have given their lives for Africa?

Robert and Mary Moffat, David Livingston, Bishop Hannington, Alexander MacKay.—*The Children's Missionary.*

Can we, whose souls are lighted

With wisdom from on high;

Can we, to men benighted,

The Lamp of Life deny?