

**The Niger Mission.**—The Church Missionary Society is sending out a deputation to try and heal the unhappy differences on the Niger. The delegates are Archdeacon Hamilton, a worthy man who, after doing admirable work on the West African coast, is assisting in secretarial duties at home, and the Rev. W. Allan, of Bermondsey, a successful vicar of a very large and poor parish in South London. It will be sincerely hoped that a mission, at one time with so promising an outlook, may be lifted out of its present disorganized and divided condition.

**Central Soudan Mission.**—During Mr. Harris's brief furlough in England he has secured two fresh volunteers for this youngest of evangelical missions—namely, Messrs. Loynd and Holt, who will sail for Tripoli in January, 1882, and join Mr. White, at present studying Arabic and the customs of the natives in the city of Tripoli. The object of this daring enterprise was stated in the July issue of the REVIEW. In a visit to the writer Mr. Harris gave many interesting details of first efforts in Tunis and Tripoli preparatory to venturing far inland for Bornu and Lake Tchad. The four missionaries are partly supporting themselves by following their own trades and also by private subscriptions forwarded through the Y. M. C. A., Bolton, Lancashire, England.

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**Africa.**—The expedition of the Berlin Missionary Society to Lake Nyassa, which started in June from Natal, is composed of ten persons, the general mission superintendent, four missionaries, one carpenter, one joiner, one steward, and two Christian Zulus. The superintendent expects to remain at the station for a year and a half or two years.

—The British East Africa Company have cancelled the order which was issued a short time since to Captain Lugard to withdraw from Uganda. This will relieve much the difficult and

dangerous position of the Church Missionary Society's missionaries, and be a pledge of peace among the natives.

—Bishop Tucker, of the English Church Missionary Society, fresh from Uganda, at a late meeting in Exeter Hall pleaded earnestly for forty good men and true to go to that field, and in reply to certain critics who asked why he had come home, he said that if they gave him the men he asked for, he would return to his diocese to-morrow. "I plead," he said, "for 20,000,000 souls."

**Armenia.**—The great revival which has taken place in connection with the Turco-American Mission at Aintab, in Armenia, has resulted in the addition of 534 new members to the Church. About 2,000,000 of Armenians live in Armenia. The rest are scattered over the East. There are altogether about 4,000,000. Mager, "The Servant of Jesus Christ by the Grace of God," is the "Catholikos of all the Armenians and Patriarch of the Holy Convent of Etchmiadzin, in Russian territory, near Mount Ararat." There are four other patriarchs in the Armenian Church—the patriarchs of Constantinople, Jerusalem, Sis, and Aklitamer. The last two are only bishops, with the honorary title of patriarch.

**Assam.**—Recently special attention has been called to mission work in Assam. The first society to enter that country was the American Baptist Missionary Union, now numbering about 30 churches, with nearly 2000 members. The next society was the Welsh Presbyterian, now numbering 72 churches, with 1869 members. A number of the churches in both missions are self-supporting.

**China.**—Dr. Ashmore, a Baptist missionary in China, writing in the *Chinese Recorder*, quaintly says of missionaries' wives that their work is not always reported, and is not always reportable, but it has to be done all the same. They are busy at something all the time. They look after schools and teach Bible-