

## PROTESTANT MISSIONS IN AFRICA.

It has been but a few years since any interest has been manifested for the spiritual condition of the 200,000,000 of the inhabitants of Africa. The European settlers in South Africa carried the Gospel with them, and some of the natives were brought under its influence. The Abyssinian and Coptic churches in the north-east gave their testimony for Christ, and some settlers on the West Coast worshipped Christ, but the great mass of the people were left in their heathenism, save as they yielded to the influence and power of Mohammedan or Roman Catholic evangelists.

Africa has been waiting for Protestantism, and may we not hope that its day of redemption is drawing nigh? The civilized world and the Protestant Church are awakening to the value of African trade and African souls.

### NORTH AFRICA.

Protestant Missions in North Africa are those conducted by the Kabyle Mission in Morocco, Algiers and Tunis; the London Society for Promoting Christianity among the Jews in Morocco, Tunis and Abyssinia; the American United Presbyterian Church in Egypt; the English Church Missionary Society in Egypt; the Medical Mission of Miss Whately in Egypt; the St. Chrischona Missionary Society in Abyssinia; the British and Foreign Bible Society in Algiers, Tunis, Morocco, Egypt and Abyssinia; the Berlin Missionary Society in Egypt.

The most important mission in the Barbary States and that which is full of promise is "The Mission to the Kabyles and other Berber Races of North Africa." It has one missionary and his wife at Tunis; three male and four female missionaries at Tangier, Morocco; two female missionaries at Arzila, Morocco; six male and eleven female missionaries in Algeria.

The large number of Jews in the Barbary States gives a good field for the London Society for the Jews, and the annual report states that "the Jews are growing more favorable toward Christianity," as seen in their attendance at public worship and the purchase of the New Testament.

The British and Foreign Bible Society for the year closing March 1st, 1886, sold in Algeria and Tunis 385 Bibles, 601 Tes-

taments, and 2,726 Portions; in Morocco, 97 Bibles, 54 Testaments, and 637 Portions; and in Egypt about as many as in the Barbary States.

The American United Presbyterian Church has in Egypt 21 organized congregations, 70 places of preaching, 1,842 communicants, 65 schools with 5,414 pupils, from whom was received in 1885 in tuition and other fees \$11,653. The value of church property is over \$200,000. The work is chiefly among the Copts, although some converts have been made among the Moslems.

The English Church Missionary Society reports one missionary and his wife and three native teachers in Cairo, Egypt. There are also two schools and sixty-five scholars. In June, 1885, an Egyptian Mohammedan was baptized.

Miss Whately's Mission at Cairo has been conducted for twenty-five years with remarkable ability and success. She reports a large school and a Medical Work.

### EAST AND EAST CENTRAL AFRICA.

The Mission in East and East Central Africa have been established at great expense, both in money and lives, and but little fruit has been gathered.

The Universities' Mission has been chiefly educational and has also aided in the efforts to suppress the slave trade. The principal stations are on the island of Zanzibar and on the mainland at Magila, Mkuzi Umba and Misozwe near the coast, northwest of Zanzibar; at Masasi and Newala 300 miles south, and on Lake Nyassa. The staff of the mission is composed of 1 Bishop, 2 Archdeacons, 17 priests, 3 European deacons, 3 African deacons, 23 laymen, 14 ladies, 2 native readers and 15 native teachers.

The English Church Missionary Society commenced its Eastern Equatorial Africa Mission in 1844 at Mombasa. Stations were opened at Kisultini, 1846; Frere Town, 1875; Mywapwa, 1876; Ujui, 1879; Mumboja, 1879; Kaulikeni, 1882; Sagalla, 1883; Msalala, 1883; Maschi, 1885. The mission at Uganda in Rubaga, on the shores of Lake Victoria Nyanza, was begun in 1877, and has become memorable by the faithfulness of the native converts under a bitter persecution that continued even unto death, and by the martyrdom of Bishop Hannington. At the present time but one missionary is at Uganda, Rev. A. M. Mackay, who is not permitted by the