# MISSION FIELD.

THE UNIVERSITIES MISSION TO CENTRAL AFRICA.

The Rev James Johnston, the secretary of last year's General Mis sionary Conference in Lordon is the author of a valuable paper in the 'Church at Home and Abroad' on the English Universities' Mission to Central Africa Of the many very interesting statements in this paper we give a few: 'The heart o'
Dr Livingstone s enshrined in the Universities' Mission It was he who proposed the holy enterprise in 1857, and subsequently stirred as with blown trumpet his fellowcountrymen by the message that he had opened the door to Central Africa. The time is historic when Livingstone went forth, accompanied by Charles Frederic Mackenzie Archdoncon of Natal, who was con secrated first B shop of the Mission at Capetown on January 1st 1861 In his train followed a saintly band of university graduates, 'full of sun-bright jubilation.' Nei her are the memorable scenes forgotten when at Cambridge, Oxford and Canterbury the famous Bishop Wilberforce pronounced his perfervid benedictions upon the Master's heralds of peace.

Through the intervening years of splended self denial, thirty-six young men and maidens, the flower of English both adviction and play your a local to be appeared that Programme Lor graduate , dead Amer. 1 Sough Good var, show said Polls Say the Say of the section

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maple leadered the live of the leadered the Ruo joins the Shire. After one brief year of sowing, the pioneer Bishop fell from exposure and fatigue in January, 1862. The in scription on the brass plate affixed to the cross which stands over his dust reads !

· Here Lieth CHARLES FRED. MACKENZIE, Missionary Bishop,

who died January 31st, 1862. A follower of Him who was anointed to preach deliverance to the captive and to set at liberty them that are bruised.

The growth of the Universites Mission, which is clusily identified with the Oxford Cambridge, Durham and London Universities and the English doceses, has been re markably progressive. All along the line of the Miss on great advance during the last four or five years is In 1880 the teaching reported staff, English and African, was under fo ty, with an income of income of £6,000. Four years later the workers numbered eighty and the receipts £8 000. The past year marks a more notable morease, comprrising in numbers one Bishop, twenty-five laymen, twenty ladies, and thirty two native readers and teachers— 105 in all, with a financial return of £16,280.

That the eulogy pronounce i upon the Universities Mission at its anniversary in May 1889 by Mr H H Johnston Her Majesty's consul at Mozamb que, no better tribute could be desired: While in all their d fficulties the mesionares were upheld by the'r desire to implant the faith they held in the hearts of the nat ves of Africa they also took a very ser ous interest in the r bod es, realizing how closely soul and body are bound together. They tried to infuse spiritual ty into the negroes, and at the same lime they endeavoured to teach them useful trades, to make them live more com fortably and happily, to act upon and dissolve all the ancient and hideaus supersations, to i troduce useful plants and herbs, and to g ve an English aspect to the country generally in his journeyings in East Afria he had always felt, without any information or even numors from the natives when he was approaching the vicinity of one of the stations of the Universities Mission. Round them there was the radiance of 'sweet ess and light' and evidences of c vilization abounded '-Mission Field -0

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> The Rev. S. A. Selwyn, a son of the first Bishop of New Zraland, and now incumbent of St. James' Church, Hutcham, London has obtained from the Bishop of Rochester leave of absence from his parish for six mon hs, that he may visit the west Afr can colonies and hold mission services.

> While in England Mr Arnot read an account of his travels across the continent of Africa before the Royal Geographical Society, by which it was most favorably received. When asked by the members to what he attributed his success in winning his way among the people he answered simply: To the presence and power of God with me day and night

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