

are proved to be realities. Mounts Kilima njuro, Kenia and Ruwenzori exceed the height of many an Alpine range, while the Abyssinian highlands form a 'Tyrol' region that would stretch from the European Adriatic to the Baltic Sea.

"Africa has undoubtedly the most tropical of all climates. Its average temperature is higher even than that of southern Asia or South America, and were it not for the general elevation of the continent the temperature would be still higher.

The population of Africa is not composed of dying races. In all the study of race migrations, or of racial endurance, where will you find (save in the case of the Jews) the equal of the negro race? Undoubtedly the negro race will never die. The population has been estimated variously from 162,000,000 to 300,000,000 of souls. Of these 77,000,000 are Mohammedans and 95,000,000 pagans."—*Student Missionary Appeal*.

FROM THE FIRST HUNDRED YEARS OF MODERN MISSIONS,

we learn that the negroes are only one race out of six. The African races are as follows: 1. Berber—color, black to dark bronze or copper, home, north Africa. 2. Coptic—color, brownish yellow, home, northern Egypt. 3. Nilotic—color, between black and brown, home, Abyssinia, Nubia and that part of east Africa south of Abyssinia. 4. Negro—color, black, general physical characteristics well known, home, the Soudan. 5. Bantu—color, chocolate; a fine, tall, handsome race; home, southern half of Africa. 6. Goriepine—color, dull yellow tint; small size, resembling the Malay.

Africa has been called the 'martyr land' and also "the white man's grave," from the astounding mortality of the missionaries sent out. In forty years, of eighty-seven men sent out by the Church Missionary Society, thirty died in the first twelve years. The Wesleyan Missionary, up to 1864, had in their burial grounds on the west coast of Africa, graves of more than forty missionaries and their wives. The Moravians sent nine missionaries to Guinea, and in two years they were all dead and the mission had to be abandoned. Fifty-five missionaries, nearly all of whom labored on the lower Congo, died within ten years. Professor Drummond, a few years ago, visited the Livingstonia Mission on Lake Nyassa. He found houses, but they were empty. One by one the missionaries had sickened and died of fever.

With the exception of the Soudan, where it is said from 60,000,000 to 80,000,000 of people reside, and where no missionary has yet penetrated, though an attempt is being made at the present time, Africa is no longer "the dark continent." In our school boy days the centre of Africa was marked over with pictures of lions and camelopards to show that these only inhabited this region, or that it was entirely unknown. How surprising to find by the journeys of explorers (not the least of whom were missionaries) that the country is densely populated by millions of people. In consequence missionary societies are eagerly seizing the magnificent opportunities presented.

WEST AFRICA.

Sierra Leone was founded by the British and Liberia by the Americans, each with the purpose of putting down the slave trade—for rescuing, liberating and educating those who had been slaves. The English Wesleyans entered Sierra Leone in 1808, and in less than forty years some fifty-five missionaries had lost their lives.

When Bishop Taylor first went to Liberia, the only small currency in use in portions of the Kroom coast was the leaf tobacco. The Bishop substituted laundry soap, and from three to five tons have been sent in a single shipment.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Among the chief names in this part of the continent is that of Robert Moffat, especially in connection with the conversion of Africander, "the terror of South Africa," the most cruel and blood-thirsty chief of modern days. A price was put on his head many times over. That Moffat should risk himself in his company, whatever professions he made, was considered foolishly reckless. But Africander by the consistency of his life convinced the most incredulous at last.

A striking providence was manifested in the life of Barnabas Shaw, the Wesleyan missionary to South Africa. He was forbidden by the Government to preach or build a chapel in Cape Town and the Dutch farmers forbade him preaching to slaves. He then determined to push into the interior, being seconded by his noble wife. After journeying three hundred miles he camped on the twenty seventh day near a party of Hottentots who, with their chief, were going to Cape Town for a missionary to teach them the great Word of God, of which they had heard. Had either party started on its journey half an hour earlier they would have missed each other.

CENTRAL AFRICA.

With Central Africa the name of Dr. Livingstone is imperishably associated. "Traveller, explorer, geographer, astronomer, zoologist, botanist, physician, missionary—what a many-sided man!" At starting out he told the directors of the London Missionary Society that he was at their disposal "to go anywhere, provided only it be forward," and plunged into the very heart of Africa.

THE CONGO BASIN.

"One of the greatest feats of modern times is the journey of Stanley across Africa, a distance of seven thousand miles, which he successfully accomplished in 1877, emerging at the mouth of the Congo on the west coast 999 days after he had left Zanzibar on the east. This opened to the world the great Congo Basin, with its 5,249 miles of navigable rivers, an area of 865,400 of square miles, inhabited by 43,000,000 of people, speaking 198 languages."

In the Congo region, at the present time, there are three Roman Catholic Missionaries and eight Protestant, among which is that founded by the celebrated William Taylor. There are twenty-eight stations and ninety-five missionaries. The Protestant Missions have been undertaken by the Swedish, English and American Societies.

NOTES ON AFRICA.

"Africa—the last stronghold of Paganism."—*Dr. Sims*.

"An African is the image of God carved in ebony."—*Dr. Fuller*.

"An African slave-dealer is the image of the devil carved in ivory."—*Dr. Johnston*.

"I have been in Africa for seventeen years and I have never met a man who would kill me if I folded my hands."—*Stanley*.

"Every tusk, piece and scrap of ivory in possession of an Arab trader has been dyed in blood. Every pound weight has cost the life of a man, woman or child. For