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## The Missionary's Grave,

**A**FRICA, we mean, has added another to the long list of noble martyrs for the cause of Christ. Alexander MacKay, the hero of Uganda, has fallen at his post, not by the spear of the blood-thirsty native, though he was often in danger of that—but by the fell destroyer, malarial fever. MacKay was the son of a Scotch minister, was educated as a civil engineer, and was so employed at Berlin when the Church Missionary Society first established its mission on Lake Victoria Nyanza. He was one of the original party who went out to Uganda in 1876, and in that district he remained till he died. His life was frequently threatened by Mwangi, the successor of the famous King Mtesa, mentioned by Stanley in his earlier explorations as having become a convert to Christianity! On the breaking out of the rebellion in that country, MacKay was compelled to leave Uganda and take up his residence at the south end of Lake Nyanza. When Mwangi himself was expelled he was glad to seek the advice and assistance of the missionary whom he had formerly persecuted, and largely through his means regained his kingdom. MacKay was a man of rare intelligence and indomitable perseverance. He abandoned a lucrative profession that he might preach the Gospel

in Africa. He was a true hero, and his death is lamented as a heavy loss to the missionary cause.

## CAN IT BE DONE?

THE REV. J. L. STEVENS of the Presbytery of Athens, in the Synod of Georgia, U.S., has just issued a circular "to the officers and members of all the Evangelical Churches of the world," in which he pleads for a combined effort on the part of Christendom to give the Gospel to the whole Heathen, Mohammedan, and Jewish populations of the world in the next ten years. The probability is, he says, that if the Protestant churches of the world would make their contributions five times as much as they now are, that is to say, some sixty millions of dollars annually, instead of twelve millions as at present, the end could be accomplished. Instead of six thousand missionaries, male and female, there could then be sent thirty thousand. Instead of each missionary having to look after 176,000 heathens, the average would be reduced to 33,000 persons to each missionary. Instead of each Protestant communicant doling out one cent per Sabbath, as at present, all that would be required to furnish the means for this grand campaign would be a contribution from each communicant of five cents per Sabbath. There is nothing either new or