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PREFACE.

AFRICA'S 'Monarch of Mountains,' Gambaragara, whose brow oft flashes with 'a diadem of snow,' shelters in its upper heights the remnant of a white race that once owned wide dominion, and gave dynasties to many of the neighbouring states, but whose origin is veiled in mystery. In their modes of thought, from the climate, doubtless, and character of their country—and it may be, possibly, from their origin also—they resemble Europeans; and

the resemblance of feature is still more striking—their long brown or auburn hair, well-shaped nose, and thin lips, as well as their complexion, contrasting most strangely with the ordinary black African type. They are both symmetrical and handsome, and some of the women are exceedingly beautiful.

In former days the royal family and chiefs had considerable culture; and even now the race is specially celebrated for one branch of knowledge, in which, among many others, their forefathers excelled all the races round them—the art and science of medicine.

They were formerly possessed of a few horses (how or whence introduced it is impossible now to ascertain), and were able to preserve them from malaria, and also from the 'Tsetse,' or blood-fly, owing to the

climate's coolness and the comparative absence of swamps.

Some generations ago, when their power and civilisation were at the highest, their then king learnt to read Coptic, or Arabic (for tradition has left this point in some uncertainty), from an aged chief who had wandered away from his native land and ended his days among the white tribe. And the book that he had brought with him was a copy of the Scriptures.

After a while there came vague rumours of a white teacher who had landed on the sea-coast, and the king, when he heard these, resolved to brave all the dangers of the long and unknown journey, and went forth alone to find him.

Very many and great were his hardships and perils; but at last to his joy he succeeded in the search. Questions on both