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*THE MURCHISON FALLS, about 120 feet high; from the VICTORIA NILE, or SOMERSET RIVER, to the level of the ALBERT LAKE: the greatest waterfall of the NILE; discovered by SIR SAMUEL BAKER in 1864.*

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IN AFRICA

*SCENES FROM MISSIONARY HISTORY*  
WITH GEOGRAPHICAL DETAILS AND ILLUSTRATIONS

BY THE AUTHOR OF  
'COME TO THE SUPPER,' 'WOMAN'S SERVICE ON THE LORD'S DAY,'  
'ENGLAND'S DAYBREAK,' ETC.

*WITH A PREFACE*  
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'Expect great things from God—attempt great things for God'  
CARRY'S MOTTO.

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## PREFATORY NOTICE.

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HAVING been requested by my sister to write a few lines of preface to her 'Missionary Scenes in Africa,' I can only say that, if her readers find as much pleasure in studying the completed work, as I have found in glancing at the proof-sheets, no ordinary treat awaits them. There is enough of geographical research and natural history given in these pages, enriched as they are with numerous and instructive woodcuts and a map, to make the scenery of each mission a vivid reality.

In a few graphic sentences or paragraphs you are transported to Sierra Leone, Yoruba, Caffraria, the Victoria Nyanza, Mombasa, Abyssinia, Madagascar, Cairo; and then, almost unawares, you are engrossed with the authentic stories of Johnson, the Hinderers, Bishop Crowther, Dr. Moffat, David Livingstone, Dr. Krapf, Mr. Sterne, Mr. Ellis, and other God's heroes and heroines in the missionary field.

This volume will form a most acceptable present for schoolboys. The indomitable courage, the hair-

breadth escapes, the noble victories of faith, will satisfy that longing for adventure which beats so strongly in every generous young heart. It will also supply most valuable reading for working-parties and mothers'-meetings, and be a welcome addition to many a village library. Nor will the missionary-lecturer be unrewarded, who gleans in these fields before he tells others of the wonderful works of God in our own age.

This has well been entitled the era of evangelic missions ; and yet, while it is computed that there are more than eight hundred millions of Hindus, Buddhists, and Pagans, and one hundred and seventy millions of Mohammedans, who can say that we are more than on the threshold of the work as yet? No incentive to fresh efforts is more persuasive, than the narratives of those who have already jeopardized their lives in the Master's service, and the writer of this volume may be assured that her labour will not be in vain in the Lord.

EDWARD HENRY BICKERSTETH.

CHRIST CHURCH VICARAGE, HAMPSTEAD,  
*September 28th, 1882.*



## TO THE READER.

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A FEW words only seem necessary in explanation of the plan which has been pursued in the following pages. A complete and exhaustive record of *all* the missionary work carried on in Africa, either in the past or the present, has not been attempted. Some of the more interesting and remarkable fields only have been brought under review; and lack of space has prevented the dwelling upon others, which in themselves offer most attractive details for study. A list of the branches of work carried on by various Protestant Societies throughout Africa, not otherwise alluded to in the text, is given in the Appendix.

The map of Africa is being studied by many thousands of young English students this year, with reference to the approaching Christmas examinations. It is heartily to be wished, that the great subject of

missionary enterprise upon this Continent, formed one of the branches of study required, in connection with it. But without something beyond the present ordinary standard of information possessed upon this point, it is to be feared that seniors as well as juniors would stand but a poor chance of success. The ignorance prevailing as to missionary history, biography and geography is startling, when compared with the high attainments of our elder children upon subjects really far inferior in importance, as bearing upon the general welfare of our race. The week-day hours of study are indeed, with most, filled to overflowing ; but missionary subjects offer precisely that resource for occupying to advantage the comparative leisure of the Sabbath, of which many feel the need.

To make the reader feel personally acquainted with some of the principal scenes and actors, in this great Crusade against the kingdom of the Evil One in Africa, is, then, the simple object of the following pages ; in the earnest hope and prayer, not only that hearts may be moved to care in some measure for its welfare, as its missionaries have cared ; but, breathing the blessed atmosphere of their mighty faith and fervent love, to follow them as they followed Christ.

No pains have been spared to render the information given as accurate as might be, and the author avails herself of the present opportunity to express her grateful sense of the obligation she has incurred to the writers of 'Africa,' by Keith Johnston; 'Livingstone's Life and Letters,' by Dr. Blaikie; 'Our Captive Missionary,' by Dr. Sterne; Annual Reports of the Church Missionary Society; 'Life of Dr. Moffat;' 'Africa's Mountain Valley;' 'Seventeen Years in the Yoruba Country;' 'Life of Dr. Krapf;' Miss Whateley's work on Egypt; 'The Gospel in Madagascar;' 'Black and White,' by H. A. Forde; 'Round the World Tour of Missions,' by Bainbridge; and many others. Also to Mr. Macmillan and Messrs. Blackwood, for their kindness in allowing the use of engravings in their possession.

May the Gracious Spirit, who uses His servants to spread the knowledge of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father, deign to prosper the effort, for our One Master's sake. Amen.

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