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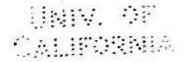
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#### CHAPTER I.

#### Introduction.

THE problem presented by the decline and fall of the Churches of North Africa is at once most interesting and most difficult. It is interesting because the Church of Carthage, formerly the most flourishing, the most carnest, and the most enlightened of all the communions of the world, has to-day perished and hardly left a trace behind. Yet it met with no trials that other Churches did not successfully overcome. The Copts, the Abyssinians, the Armenians, the Spaniards were all subdued by the Saracens, and yet all preserved their faith, even though in a debased The Africans, also, at one time seemed to be far more likely than these to withstand the attacks of the infidel. No one could accuse them of lukewarmness; their earnestness was almost fanatical and led them into dangers unknown to the careless. On