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PRAYER CARD.—NOVEMBER.

AFFRICA—"The heathen shall fear the name of the Lord." S. B. C. Mission opened, 1850; missionaries, 6; out-stations, 7; churches, 6; baptisms, 29; schools, 21; scholars, 107; Sunday school scholars, 172; contributions, \$243.

*Sunday Topics*—"The people and their languages. Extension of the trade traffic. Religious and moral encouragements.

A HARD FIELD.

In one respect Africa may be called the hardest of all the mission

ards. This is not because the hearts of the natives are worse than those of other continents, for all men have the carnal mind which is enmity against God, and the Holy Spirit can regenerate the chief of sinners. But it is in many parts the hardest of all the fields on account of the climate. A missionary says in a recent letter: "Ill-health is our great drawback. We are not only often quite sick in this climate, but are scarcely ever well."—Missionary Review.

ASKING FOR PROHIBITION.

One of the most authentic instanc

in modern Christian history is the appeal of the African King Khama to the English parliament that in placing necessary stations on the railroad that passes through his territory no spirits of any kind shall be supplied at the refreshment room. And yet it is a heathen request to a Christian government, rather a Christian request to a government with some heathen notions still.—*Missionary Review.*

THE COURSE OF EMPIRE GOING EASTWARD.

From every side the locomotive

making slow but sure advances upon the Dark Continent, and hastening the day of her redemption. England is laying rails upon the Nile, far northward from Cape Town, with two lines westward from Beira and Mombasa on the east coast, the latter aiming for Lake Victoria Nyanza; France is pushing towards the interior from Algeria, Belgium on one side the Congo, and Germany on the other, slowly from Benguela in Angola.—*Missionary Review.*

been uniled within the limits of the Victorian era. To that period belongs the career of that mission-ary general and explorer, David Livingstone, who went to Africa in 1841, and died in 1873. To this period belongs the thousand days of Stanley's trans-continental march from the Zanzibar to the mouth of the Kongo, and the whole establishment of the major part of missions in that continent. To this period belongs the Kongo Free State, organized in 1884, and, in fact, every one of the great developments of African occupation since

Translations of the entire Scriptures there exist at present to the number 108. Of these 40 are in the languages of Europe; 41 in the languages of Asia; 14 in the languages of Africa; 10 in the languages of Australia and Oceania, and three in the American languages. Nearly all of the Asiatic versions have been made during the course of the present century, and

are chiefly the results of the scholarship and industry of Christian missionaries. Several translations into Asiatic tongues are yet in preparation, but it is not to be expected that further versions in European languages will yet be added to the list. Of the 108 complete versions a few were prepared and published before the organization of Bible societies. The British and Foreign Bible Society, organized in 1804, has alone published eighty of these versions. The rest having appeared from the presses of the other British, the American, the German, and the

**MISSIONARIES IN AFRICA.**  
Henry M. Stanley says there are nearly 300 missionaries in the heart of Africa today, where there was not one in 1875. He considers the work a success, and states that the great results have been achieved by "immense labor, patience and self-sacrifice." Mr. Stanley is a zealous advocate of foreign missions.

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