

courses of the Nile, we find a territory about equal to that of the United States, and densely populated, without a single representative of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. With a mission station just established by the United Presbyterian Church of North America on the Sobat River, of the Upper Nile basin, and with the stations opened by the Church Missionary Society and the United Sudan Mission in the Niger basin, 1,500 miles to the west, *the situation presented is as if the United States, with her 87,000,000 of people, had one missionary in Maine and another in Texas, and no gospel influence between.*"¹

Decades of
Destiny

If Dr. Kumm's estimates are trustworthy, this great destitute district of the Sudan, one of the most strategic and the most important unoccupied territories in the world, has a population of at least fifty millions. And yet only eleven missionaries are found in the entire area, namely, at Sokoto and Nupe. All of the other lands are destitute. Within twenty years it will be settled whether Islam or Christianity shall be dominant and triumphant. All the indications now are that Islam is fast winning the field.

Unreached
Lands in Asia

Turning from darkest Africa to Asia, we find

¹ W. S. Naylor, "Unoccupied Mission Fields in Africa," *Missionary Review of the World*, March, 1906.