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FORTY YEARS IN THE SUDAN

harvest of souls, and cleanse and strengthen His people and build up His Church.

There remains still much land to be possessed, but the progress made during these forty years, and the eager desire felt by many of those engaged in the work to go forward to the completion of their task, encourage the hope that soon the field, which until so recently was known as the largest unevangelized field in the world, may become one in which the Gospel is being proclaimed in every part, with signs following.

West Indians Fear the 'Evil Eye'

Lord Moyne presided over the West India Royal Commission at the Colonial Office on the 22nd September. This Commission was appointed to collect evidence and to concert measures of economic reform in the West Indies. The Commission must have heard with some degree of astonishment expert evidence that slave mentality is at the root of the labour troubles and recent riots. The Emancipation Bill was passed in August, 1833, yet uncanny cults brought from Africa during the slave trade in the seventeenth century still persist in various degrees in most of the islands.

The Obeah man, by his 'evil eye,' can convey a fatal suggestion of death. A suspicion, frequently groundless, that 'Obeah medicine' has been mixed with food he has eaten will cause a man to sicken on the spot and die within the day. Such is the terror of Obeah that only with great difficulty can a West Indian be persuaded to talk about it or give evidence against the Obeah man at court. Education has lifted the few, but the masses remain in mental darkness. The slaves turned in despair from the Christianity of the brutal masters who whipped them, back to their primitive African animism, and a century of Christian teaching and preaching has not yet eradicated it.

The British Government, through the Commission, will deal with the material causes of the recent outbreaks and civil disturbance. Psychological investigation will bring the Commissioners to those human factors which will serve to appraise the degree of persistence of slave mentality in the islands. There will remain, however, the unfinished spiritual task. The Churches in the West Indies have done and are doing noble service; they have initiated almost everything that has brought blessing to the people. Maybe, they will find that the too-easily forgotten sermon should give place more frequently to repeated and methodical instruction in the Word of God.