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of Negroes under the French flag! Conditions are difficult, and missionaries need to know French.* Workers must be prepared for rough pioneering, but surely the need of the people and the call of God will draw some ardent souls into this wide field.

The native Churches in Qua Iboe, who have contributed so generously for the spread of the Gospel in their own land, have been greatly touched by what they have heard. African pastors, and five experienced missionaries from the limited European staff, have paid visits to the two districts, and have returned to tell of the needs of their heathen brethren. Five experienced missionaries in Qua Iboe have been freed for work in these two fields with the hearty consent of the African churches.

Africa's Past

Nineteen-hundred-and-thirty-three marks the centenary of the abolition of slavery in British colonies and brings reminders of the time when the slave-trade was the curse of West Africa.

For long the Christian conscience was indifferent. The first British slave-ship ever to sail bore the name *Jesus*. 'How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds' was written by John Newton while in command of a ship between whose decks were huddled hundreds of unfortunate wretches destined for sale to the highest bidder.

But it is well known that those who ultimately secured the abolition—Wilberforce and his companions—were men of a profound Christian conviction. In some ways Wilberforce brings to mind the Apostle Paul. He was a 'diminutive and shapeless figure,' but some of those who knew him best said of him, 'We had never seen a person more fraught with Christian love, or more overflowing with the praise of his Creator.'

The British slave trade was abolished in 1807; slavery in 1833, £20,000,000 compensation being paid to the owners. Wilberforce died in the same year. His first great speech before Parliament had been made in 1789, the year of the French Revolution. The coincidence was undesigned, but it testifies to man's fundamental thirst for freedom—'Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. If the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.'

* See *The Missionary and Foreign Languages*, page 16.