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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

Because only her coastal areas had been explored, for many years Africa was known as the Dark Continent. Early in the nineteenth century the white man, chiefly from Holland, Great Britain, France, and Belgium, began to penetrate the interior sections of the continent. The land was discovered to be rich for farming and in mineral resources. The slave trade was also a profitable enterprise. These countries established colonies in Africa with the Europeans becoming the masters of the native Africans.

Colonialism continued relatively unchanged through the nineteenth century into the twentieth until the close of World War II. During these years the Europeans and the countries governing the colonies were getting rich from the resources of Africa. The natives, on the other hand, were forced to live on a low standard, and their opportunities were limited.

Since World War II this picture has changed. Among the reasons given for the change were the experiences of African soldiers who participated in defending the colonial powers against Nazi Germany, India's independence from Great Britain, and the Phillipine's independence from the United States. The intervening years since 1945
have seen many of the countries of Africa gain their independence. Egypt, Sudan, Libya, Tunisia, and Ghana are a few such countries.¹

The African's interest in self government, his efforts to attain it, and the political, economic, and social problems which ensue have aroused widespread interest in the continent. Governments, politicians, technicians, and scholars are all focusing more attention on Africa than ever before in history. While viewing present conditions in Africa, it is necessary to study past events to place the present in its proper perspective. This requires research. Knowing that Trevor Arnett Library has a valuable and rather extensive research collection of works on Africa, and that no organized list of those works is available, it was decided that current interest in Africa indicates the need for such an aid. To secure background information on an approach to the study, the author read a similar unpublished thesis by Fritz Malval,² and A Catalog of the African Collection in the Moorland Foundation, Howard University Library, edited by Dorothy B. Porter.³

**Purpose and Scope**

The purpose of this study is to provide a tool for research on Africa. The author proposes to compile a bibliography of the works on

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Africa in Trevor Arnett Library which were published before 1900. This list is limited to those works in the collection which had been processed as of June, 1961. It includes books and periodicals. Using the Trevor Arnett collection as a checklist, the bibliography indicates the works which may also be located in the Schomburg Collection of the New York Public Library, the Moorland Collection of Howard University, and the Negro collections at Hampton Institute and Fisk University. The collections were chosen because of the quality of their holdings on the subject. It is intended that this list will facilitate the scholar's search as he seeks information on Africa during the period through 1899.

**Methodology**

To compile the original list, the author consulted the main card catalog in Trevor Arnett Library under the subject headings "Africa" and "African." As a double check for works appearing under other subject headings, the entire card catalog of the Negro Collection was checked. The bibliographic citations secured from the card catalog were used as a guide in examining the actual collection. Only the books and periodicals located on the shelves were included in the bibliography. Copies of the bibliography were mailed to the aforementioned libraries. These were checked to indicate which of the works in the Trevor Arnett collection are also in theirs.

The list is arranged alphabetically by author. Each entry is followed by a symbol representing the section of the continent treated by the work. The following symbols, enclosed in parentheses, will be
used for this purpose: CA-Central Africa, EA-East Africa, NA-North Africa, SA-South Africa, WA-West Africa, G-General. This symbol will be followed by the symbol or symbols for the selected collections which also contain the work. These are as follows: FU-Fisk University, HI-Hampton Institute, MF-Moorland Foundation, SC-Schomburg Collection. An analysis of the listings was made by section of the continent, subject, publisher, date of publication, and titles appearing in the selected collections.
CHAPTER II

ANALYSIS OF TITLES BY SECTION OF THE CONTINENT

Examination of the titles in the bibliography revealed that they treat five different sections of the African Continent, with an additional group treating African life in general. The five sections are Central Africa, East Africa, North Africa, South Africa, and West Africa. The general category contains titles on subjects such as history of the Continent, colonization, language, folklore, and slavery. For each section as well as the general category, the works are analyzed in terms of the subjects treated, the publishers represented, the dates of publication, and the number of titles located in the selected collections. The subjects were determined by the subject headings assigned the work in the cataloging process. Whenever history is listed as a subject, it covers the area generally. Histories of specific countries are listed under the name of the country.

Central Africa

Central Africa is represented by a total of 41 titles. They discuss 12 different subjects and 30 publishers produced them. The 25 different years of publication cover a period from 1819 to 1899. Each of the selected collections contains titles on this section.
Figures given for titles in the Moorland Collection are taken from A Catalog of the African Collection in the Moorland Foundation. 1

**Subjects.**—Accounts of various expeditions through this section of the Continent are treated in 25 of these titles, the largest number on one subject. The Congo and the Sudan are the subjects of four titles each. The Congo River, French Equatorial Africa, and David Livingstone are each represented by two titles. The following six subjects are represented by one title each: slave trade, missions, Maisiland, Abeokuta, Lagos, and Nyasaland.

**Publishers.**—Thirty different companies published the 45 titles on Central Africa. Of these, Harper and Brothers produced seven, the largest number for any one company. C. Scribner's Sons and Sampson, Low, Marston, Searle, and Rivington are represented by four titles each. Chapman and Hall published three of the works, while Longman, Green and Company did two. The remaining 25 companies published one title each.

**Dates of publication.**—The earliest title listed for this period was published in 1819. During the periods 1820-1839 and 1840-1859, three titles each were published. Between 1860-1879, 15 works were published. The last two decades of the Nineteenth Century witnessed the production of the largest number of titles in this section. Between 1880 and 1899, 24 works were published on Central Africa. Seven of these 24 titles were published in 1890, the largest number for a single year.

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Titles in selected collections.--Of the four selected collections, the Schomburg of the New York Public Library contains 36, the largest number of titles on Central Africa. The Hampton Institute Collection contains 27; the Moorland Collection, 25; and Fisk University, 24.

East Africa

This list contains 41 titles which treat East Africa. Along with two works of fiction, 13 subjects are represented. The works were produced by 30 different publishers. Thirty-one publication years cover a period from 1673 to 1899. Each of the selected collections contains titles treating East Africa.

Subjects.--Ethiopia is the most discussed subject with 12 titles devoted to it. The same area is represented by two other titles which treat Ethiopia during the time it was called Abyssinia. Descriptions of travel comprise the second largest number of titles on a subject. There are 10 works in this category. The Nile River is treated in four works, and missions in two. Slave trade, Nubia, Kilimanjaro, Timbuctoo, Arabia, Ugandi, and the British in Africa are discussed in one title each.

Publishers.--Thirty different publishers produced the 41 titles on East Africa. Represented by five titles, Longmans, Green and Company produced the largest number of works by a single publisher. J. Murray published four titles, while Thomas Nelson Sons, J. F. and C. Rivington, W. Blackwood and Sons, and Challamel published two titles each.
Dates of publication.—Two of the works on East Africa were published in the Seventeenth Century. One on the Nile River was published in 1673. In 1682 A New History of Ethiopia by Hiob Ludolph was produced. The Prince of Abyssinia, a tale by Samuel Johnson was published in 1756. The remaining 38 works were all published in the Nineteenth Century. One title was published in 1805. During the period 1810-1829, two titles were published. Five works were produced during the 20 years between 1830 and 1849. The next 20 years, 1850-1869, are represented by seven titles. The largest number of works on East Africa was published between 1870 and 1889. During this period 13 titles were produced. In the remaining 10 years of the Nineteenth Century, this section is represented by 10 titles.

Titles in selected collections.—Of the titles listed on East Africa, Fisk University has 15. The Hampton Institute Collection contains eight, and the Moorland Collection 24. The Schomburg Collection contains 31 of the 41 titles listed on this section.

North Africa

The 22 titles on North Africa treat eight different subjects. Nineteen publishers produced them. There are 18 different publication dates covering a period from 1721-1899. Each of the selected collections contains titles on North Africa.

Subjects.—The largest number of works on a single subject are the eight devoted to Egypt. Four titles treat the Egyptian Sudan, and three each the Barbary States and Algeria. History, Cairo, Libyan Desert, and the Sahara are the four remaining subjects with one title each devoted to them.
Publishers.--With only three exceptions, each of the 22 titles was published by a different company. H. M. Caldwell, Trubner and Company, and G. P. Putnam's Sons published two titles each. In addition to Putnam's Sons, other currently recognized publishers representing this section are Macmillan Company, Funk and Wagnalls, Dodd, Mead and Company, and Harper and Brothers.

Dates of publication.--Four of the titles were published early in the Eighteenth Century--three during the period 1720-1739, and one between 1740 and 1759. No works were published between 1760 and the end of the Century. One title was published during each of the following 20-year periods: 1800-1819, 1820-1839, 1840-1859, 1860-1879. The last 20 years of the Century witnessed the publication of 14 of the listed titles. Two works were produced during each of the following years: 1882, 1884, 1888, 1892, and 1899. The remaining four works were produced during other years between 1880 and 1899.

Titles in selected collections.--Fisk University has five of the 22 titles listed on North Africa. Hampton Institute has eight, the Moorland Collection nine. The Schomburg Collection contains 11 of the listed works on North Africa.

South Africa

South Africa is discussed in 45 of the titles on the list. They treat 13 different subjects and were produced by 37 publishers. Twenty-four different dates of publication cover a period from 1815-1899. The selected collections contain titles on South Africa.

Subjects.--Twenty-four titles are devoted to descriptions of travels in South Africa. This is the largest number on a single
subject. Four titles discuss Zulus and Zululand, while three each are devoted to the Transvaal and general history of South Africa. The South African War and Natal are treated in two works each. Rhodesia, Jameson's Raid, politics and government, missions, Basutoland, the Portuguese in Africa, and bibliography comprise the subjects about which one title is written in this section.

**Publishers.**--Thirty-seven publishers produced the 45 titles listed on South Africa. Longmans, Green and Company published three titles, the largest number by a single company. Lippincott, C. Scribner's Sons, Harrison and Sons, Chapman and Hall, Macmillan Company, and T. F. Unwin published two titles each. The remaining 30 companies produced one work each.

**Dates of publication.**--The earliest work on South Africa was published in 1815, *Travels in South Africa* by John Campbell. Two other titles were published between 1810 and 1829. Three titles were produced between 1830 and 1849. Between 1850-1869, 10 works were published, and 14 between 1870-1889. The period 1890-1899 witnessed the publication of 15 titles, the largest number during a single period. A closer look reveals that 29 of the 45 titles were published in the 30 years between 1870 and 1899.

**Titles in selected collections.**--Of the 45 titles listed on South Africa, Fisk University and Hampton Institute both have 12 each. The Moorland Collection contains 16, and the Schomburg Collection 31.

### West Africa

West Africa is represented on the list by a total of 86 titles which treat 21 subjects. Sixty-four publishers produced them.
Covering a period from 1771-1899, there are 58 publication dates. Each of the selected collections contains titles on West Africa.

**Subjects.**—Twenty-nine titles on descriptions of travels in West Africa comprise the largest number on a single subject. Liberia is the subject of 16 works. Five titles each are devoted to the Gold Coast and missions. Colonization and biography are treated in four titles each, while Dahomy, Niger River, Senegal and Sierra Leone are the subjects of three titles each. Guinea is discussed in two titles. The remaining nine subjects are represented by one title each.

**Publishers.**—There are 64 publishers of the works on West Africa. Harper and Brothers produced nine titles, the largest number for a single company. R. Bentley published three titles, and James Nisbet, J. Murray, G. P. Putnam's Sons, D. Appleton, R. Phillips, Chapman and Hall, Longmans, Green, Alexander Shepheard, Macmillan Company, and Hatchard Company each did two. The 53 remaining titles were produced by as many different publishers.

**Dates of publication.**—Three of the listed works on West Africa were published in the Eighteenth Century. They are *Some Historical Account of Guinea . . .* by Anthony Benezet, 1771; *A Voyage to the River Sierra Leone . . .* by John Matthews, 1791; and *The History of Dahomy . . .* by Archibald Dalzel, 1793. Four other works were published during the period 1790-1809. Four works were produced between 1810 and 1829, and 15 between 1830 and 1849. The period 1850-1869 produced the largest number of titles on West Africa, 29. Thirteen titles were published between 1870-1889, and 18 between 1890-1899.

**Titles in selected collections.**—Fisk University Library contains 41 of the 86 titles listed on West Africa. Hampton Institute
has 34, the Moorland Collection 31, and the Schomburg Collection 69.

General Works on Africa

With 97 titles, this section comprises the largest of the subgroups of the list. These works treat 25 subjects. They were produced by 81 publishers. The dates of publication represent 64 different years covering a period from 1762 to 1899. Titles from this group appear in each of the selected collections.

Subjects. — Colonization is the most frequently discussed subject with 18 titles devoted to it. The slave trade is treated in 12 of the works in this group and there are eight fictional titles. Description and travel and language are represented by seven titles each. Africa and slavery are treated in six works each, discovery and exploration and history in five each, and biography in three. The following five subjects are treated in two works each: Negroes, social life and customs, missions, ethnology, and slavery in the United States. The remaining 10 subjects are treated in one title each.

Publishers. — Eighty-one different publishers produced these 97 works. In the category, published by "the author," there are three titles. The Colonization Society and Longmans, Green and Company also published three works each. Two titles each were produced by the following 10 companies: A. D. F. Randolf and Company, Fleming H. Revell, Chapman and Hall, Augustin Challamel, Hodder and Stoughton, Trubner and Company, Cambridge University Press, Hurst and Company, W. L. Burroughs, and Scribner's Sons. The remaining 16 titles were published by as many different companies.
Dates of publication.—The earliest work published in this group is *A Short Account of That Part of Africa Inhabited by the Negroes* by Anthony Benezet, published in 1762. Three others of the listed works were published in the Eighteenth Century. One other was produced during the period 1760-1779. Between 1780 and 1799 two titles were published. During the period 1800-1819 nine works were published, and 14 between 1820-1839. Seventeen titles were produced during the period 1840-1859, and 15 during 1860-1879. The period 1880 to 1899 produced the largest number of titles of this group, 38.

Titles in selected collections.—Fisk University Library contains 49 of the listed titles in the general category. Hampton Institute has 34, and the Moorland Collection 14. The Schomburg Collection contains 76 of the 97 works on the list in this group.

Summary

This list contains a total of 336 titles. The largest number of titles devoted to a particular section of Africa is 86 on West Africa. Central and South Africa are each represented by 45 titles. There are 41 works treating East Africa, and 22 treating North Africa. The general category is comprised of 97 titles. Numerous subjects are treated in these works. They were produced by a wide variety of publishers over a wide span of publication dates from 1673 to 1899 (see Table 1).

Analysis of the 336 listed titles held by the selected collections revealed that the Schomburg Collection, with 254 or 75.5 per cent of the titles, contains the largest number. Holdings of the other three collections in descending order are Fisk University 146, or 43.4 per cent; Hampton Institute 123, or 36.6 per cent; and the Moorland Collection 119 or 35.4 per cent (see Table 2).
### TABLE 1

SUMMARY OF THE ANALYSIS BY SUB-GROUP OF THE BIBLIOGRAPHY

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CHAPTER III

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