

At thirty came the turning point in his career. He decided to study medicine, become a doctor and go to Africa. He chose Africa, probably because of the influence of his father. Also, a communication from the Paris Missionary Society, emphasized the need for a medical service in French Equatorial Africa. He chose Lambarene, which ~~was~~ is one of the most inaccessible and primitive spots in Africa. He worked at his medical studies in Strassburg and finally at the age of thirty eight he became a doctor. His thesis was a psychiatric study of the mind of Negroes. After receiving his degree in Strassburg he went to Paris and studied tropical medicine. After this he went to Africa. His hospital is at a place called Adolindanongo. Schweitzer says that this region resembles the beginning of the world, clouds, river and forest combine and melt into a landscape that seems literally ante deluvian. Most of us have heard in one way or another of his work in Africa. As we have said, he is a great man. May he long be remembered.