

Surely the God of Gideon has been moving in modern missions, "choosing the weak to confound the mighty," and enabling "one to chase a thousand and two to put ten thousand to flight." Divine agency is not so manifest in the numerical as in the real results of modern missions. These are moral and spiritual, and are seen in the changed lives of individuals won to Christianity, and of communities influenced by it. Volumes might be written filled with illustrations of the regenerating and sanctifying effect of the Gospel upon individuals, and of its uplifting and transforming power upon communities.

Individuals savage, brutal, vile, have been made peaceful, compassionate, and pure. Africaner, the "demon" of the Dark Continent, was one of this class. No vileness too low for him to reach; no work too brutal to undertake. Murder was his delight, that he might make a drum-head of the skin, and a drinking cup of the skull of his victim. Robert Moffat, with strong faith in God and in the grace of God, went to visit him, and finally took up his abode with him. Soon a change came over this "monster." He became a man of peace, the friend, helper, and nurse of Moffat, and a winner of souls. Other missionaries bear testimony that similar results have been wrought under their ministry; that trees of righteousness growing in the desert of heathenism have bloomed and flourished like the palm, shining with the beauty of holiness, and abounding in the fruits of righteousness. Are not such facts a sufficient demonstration that there is a Divine Husbandman at work bringing to pass the saying that is written: "Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come the myrtle tree: and these shall be for a sign that shall never be cut off"? Not only have individuals been regenerated and sanctified, but whole peoples and communities have been raised to a higher plane of life and transformed in character. The New Hebrides group furnishes bright illustrations of this transforming work. Aneitijum, on Geddie's arrival, contained no Christians, her people given up to idolatry and vice. On his departure there were no heathen, no idols, and the character of people entirely changed. Erromanga, a few years ago her people were savage, idolatrous, and vile. To-day the whole island is evangelized, and all traces of heathenism passed away. Terra del Fuego furnishes another