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It seems like uttering a truism, or making a burlesque of the com-
n sense and ordinary intelligence of readers, to make even an
tempt to prove that foreign missions have been a *success*. But even
the face of the most glaring facts, many are found who are wilfully
orant and vile detractors, have pronounced foreign missions a
ure. "None so blind as those who will not see" is true here as
ewhere. Those who speak and write thus are usually found in the
nks of theological unrest—their minds are poisoned by the scepticism
the day—they have lost faith in God and in the inspiration of His
oly Book, and so no wonder they don't believe in the propagation of
e Gospel in foreign parts.

We cannot in the limits of space at our command indicate even the
ousandth part of what "God hath wrought" through His faithful
rvants in foreign lands, but will only make simply some brief general
ferences. We simply mention the marvellous transformation of grace
in the Sandwich and Fiji islands, in Madagascar and the New Heb-
ides, where the abominations of heathenism have been almost entirely
ept away, and the peaceful and benign reign of Christian grace
has begun. The Gospel in these parts has been a pronounced success.
The following abominable and barbarous practices and customs have
disappeared before the onward march of Christian civilization. They
d prevail more or less all over the heathen world and do now to a
ertain extent, but are fast disappearing like mist before the rising sun:
The murder of parents, by suttee, exposure and burial alive, infanticide
by dedication to the Ganges and being devoured by crocodiles; human
sacrifice, suicide under idol-cars, casting themselves from precipices or
into rivers, or by widows drowning themselves; voluntary torments
by hook-swinging, thigh-piercing, tongue-extracting, and falling on
knives; slavery of all kinds and the evils of caste. Facts are very
stubborn things. The extermination of such evils by the influence of
the Gospel of Christ speaks volumes of success in its favour.

Under the reign of such horrors human life would be miserable in
the extreme, but Christ comes proclaiming "liberty to the captive and
the opening of the prison walls to them that are bound." He who
would say in the presence of such powerful facts that foreign missions
have done no good must be handled without gloves and accused of
gross ignorance or a wilful perversion of facts.

A great many learned books are to-day written in defence of the
truth. The literature of apologetics is both abundant and valuable.
There is danger, however, in defending the truth of losing sight of the
truth itself. The actual progress of God's truth is its own best apology.

The best evidence of Christianity are Hottentots and Hindoos,
Chinamen and South Sea Islanders, brought to the feet of Jesus and
clothed in their right minds. The best weapons for defending the
Bible as a Divine revelation are found in the arsenal of modern
missions. They are the Gibraltar of Christian apologetics. Show us
a tamed and enlightened savage, who, under the magical potency of
God's transforming grace, has cast his cannibalism to the wild beasts
and his idols to the moles and the bats, and we have a towering Alpine
defence of the religion of Jesus as the exact medicine fallen man needs
to heal his ruined soul.