

such miracles of grace been wrought as in our day. We give but one instance out of many that might be given.

The Fiji Islands challenge the attention of the Christian world at present. The condition of the Islands when missionaries landed there baffles description. Two hundred thousand persons were living in the grossest barbarism. Cannibalism was prevalent on the entire group. It was a requirement of the native religion. Infants were murdered, widows strangled, tribal wars encouraged, most atrocious cruelties openly delighted in. A chief when about to build a hut surrounded the piles on which it rested by rows of human beings, *buried alive*. When launching a canoe it was borne to the sea over living bodies, crushed and ground to a jelly thereby. Dr. Pierson may well say: "Such deeds of darkness should be written in blood and registered in hell." Heathen Fiji. Christianity is introduced. It has had a fifty year's trial. With what results? Rev. John Calvert, a Fijian missionary, shall answer. "With *only nine white missionaries*, we have 3,505 *native preachers*; 56 ordained, who take full part in the work of the ministry with the English catechists; 983 head preachers, with 1,919 ordinary local or lay preachers. There are 1,268 chapels and other preaching places: 28 English church members, 27,097 full native church members. These are well cared for by 3,480 devoted class teachers. There are 40,718 scholars in our schools, and 101,150 attendants on public worship. The jubilee of the mission was lately held. Fifty years previously there was not a Christian in all Fiji: *there is not an avowed heathen left*. Cannibalism has for some years past been *wholly extinct*, and other immemorial customs of horrible cruelty and barbarism have disappeared." Behold! what God hath wrought. Other isles have the same story of triumph. Madagascar, Formosa and the Sandwich Islands show us that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation. Christianity is yearly winning fresh victories. The facts of modern missionary triumphs must be made more widely known, and they cannot fail of awakening a greater interest in the work. God reigns. His Kingdom is not in word, but in power. He is daily turning foes into friends. He is working out His purposes of mercy. Christians! read regarding missions, pray for missions, give to missions, enthuse others on missions, be yourself a missionary at home or abroad.

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