

19 were returning to former fields of labour, while 30 were going out for the first time. During the past summer at least twelve from our own church in Canada have left for heathen lands.

We cannot but see the Saviour's "all power on earth" in the wonderful manner in which all obstacles to the spread of the gospel have been removed and all barriers thrown down. He has guided the counsels of the nations. Wars and political measures have been over-ruled to prepare the way for the gospel of peace, as seen in our own day in the case of India, China and Africa, so that now there are no closed doors, no obstacles, no barriers. Suddenly the power of God has thrown them down as it did the walls of Jericho and Zion's heralds are going up "every man straight before him." The opposition and persecution of former days have ceased. Our missionaries now in most cases are gladly welcomed as being indeed bearers of "glad tidings of great joy."

More strikingly still is the power of God the Spirit manifested in the wonderful revivals that are every day taking place in those dark countries. The missionary page of to-day is as resplendent as a page in the Acts of the Apostles.

The Queen of Tahiti and Morea died at 70 years of age. At her birth the first missionary had just landed in the South Seas; at her death 300 Islands were evangelized, many of them Christianized. Whole tribes were brought from the very depths of heathen degradation into the fulness of gospel belief and blessings. On the Friendly Islands there are 30,000 church members who give yearly \$15,000 for religious objects. On these same Islands 50 years ago there was not a single native Christian. Within one year after John Williams landed at Raratonga, the whole population of the Hervey group, numbering over 70,000 souls, had thrown away their idols and a church 600 ft. long was being erected.

The first missionary to the Samoa Group landed in 1830, and shortly after the whole population was gathered into Christian schools; and now, out of a population of 27,000, more than 7,000 are church members.

Victories like these are every day being gained in those countries to which we are sending our missionaries. Here is the substance of some of the latest reports. Last year John Newcombe baptized 1,400 converts. At one time he was in the English army, and went out as a missionary to Cubam without being ordained or even receiving any special training. Within the past two years