

years, Missionary enterprise has assumed, and deservedly so, a prominent place in the councils of christendom. All denominations have contributed a quota to the work; the dark places of the earth have been entered, and love, order, and institutions, where there were none, have been established. And now, we have a Duff and a host of others—men of great moral and intellectual worth, penetrating the darkest abodes of our race, and there erecting schools, churches, and colleges—where many of the youth of these countries are being qualified to take their stand as ameliorators of the condition of their race.

The spirit of Missionary enterprise is not confined to the older countries of christendom—Great Britain and the United States; other and comparatively obscure places are sending forth Missionary Teachers.

Little, probably, did Captain Cook think in 1774, when he discovered the Island of Anciteum, in the South Seas, that little Nova Scotia—then itself only recently discovered, would send a missionary to teach its inhabitants—Cannibals—the truths of christianity. There are now upwards of fifty schools, and several churches established on this island. Similar examples might be adduced to illustrate the importance of missionary teaching in heathen lands.

And at the feet of these Missionaries may be seen the infant learner, who but for the timely interposition of the christian teacher would have been sacrificed, as all his brothers and sisters had been; there also may be seen the hand that would have done it, tracing the alphabet, or reading its title, by pursuing a different course to a more noble destiny; there, the parent is seen learning of his child; and there the female is seen acquiring knowledge, or imparting instruction to others—where once her presence would have been deemed pollution, and have incurred her destruction.

If the infant killer has ceased in some countries appeasing the anger of his gods, by destroying the infant of days: if the ganges no longer receives its accustomed number of new-born babes:

if the females of heathen countries are being allowed to assume their proper position in the scale of being—who were the subjects of degradation, insult, and suffering—all this, and much more, had been effected through the instrumentality of the Christian Teacher. Thousands of homes have been made happy in Africa, Polynesia, China, India, and numerous other sections of the world.—Still the field is great, and the laborers are comparatively few.

There are nearly three hundred thousand persons at the present time in heathen lands, who, in the memory of the "oldest inhabitants," were gross idolaters—now receiving the blessings of a well-grounded education. Thus philanthropy is doing a work, vastly more important in the redemption, so to speak of our race, than that effected by all the military and naval displays of the world. Missionary teaching is doing a work in the moral and mental cultivation of mankind, that will result, ere long, in large portions of the superstitious, idolatrous, and down-trodden nations of the earth—taking their place among the more enlightened and civilized countries of the world.

Every year tells fresh and cheering tales of men having left their homes, the places of their early associations, and all that is near and dear to them on earth; and not under the auspices of governments; not commissioned as ambassadors by the crown-heads of the earth; not decorated in tinsel array—but what is far better, these men go forth, commissioned by the "King of Kings, and Lord of Lords," to the most ignorant and benighted places, supported by the prayers and money of christian lands. Of all the systems of education in being, and of all the teachers extant, none have a higher claim upon the sympathies of the civilized world than the Missionary Teacher; he, who enters the darkest abodes of our race, at the risk of life, and there commences the work of civilization and instruction; to none have we a better right to wish "God speed."

**IMPORTANT.**—A contemporary says:—"There is a man up in our country who always pays for his newspaper in advance. He never has been sick a day in his life; never had any corns nor the toothache; his po-

tatoes never rot; the weevil never eats his wheat: the frost never kills his corn, or beans; his babies never cry in the night; and his wife never scolds!"