

*The needs and claims of the heathen must be better understood.*—They are "Without Christ, having no hope, and without God in the world," now. There is no regenerating power in heathenism. The non-Christian systems have been tried and found wanting. They do not remove the burden of guilt. They are unable to satisfy the heart's longings. They do not cast light on the eternal future. They reveal no loving Father in Heaven, have no compassionate Redeemer, no life-giving or light-giving Spirit. What they cannot do, Christianity does. It has been tried and has succeeded. Take this incident as showing what India's religion does for its followers: "A Hindoo lay on his death bed. He was full of thought where his soul would go after death. He had been a faithful idolater, but remained an unhappy man. A priest came to see him, when the dying man exclaimed: 'What will become of me?' 'O,' said the priest, 'you will inhabit another body.' 'And where,' said he, 'shall I go then?' 'Into another, and so on through thousands of millions.' The mind of the poor sufferer darted across the whole period of changes as though it were only an instant, and cried, 'Where shall I go then?' The priest could not reply, and the unhappy idolater died in the dark as to his final destiny." There was no one near to tell him that "the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal." How can we bear to think of millions dying yearly as that poor Hindoo died? What reason can we give for allowing them thus to pass into eternity? If any person desires to know what the condition of the heathen world is to-day let him read Romans 1: 18-32 carefully, and he will find God's account of it. These millions have claims upon us. They are our brethren and sisters. We are the creatures of the same God. He is the Father of their spirits as He is of ours. Paul regarded himself as debtor to the Greeks and to the barbarians. Were he on earth to-day we cannot think that he would regard himself in any other light. What debt did he owe that we do not? Two out of every three of the earth's inhabitants die without hearing of Christ. Ought not our loyalty to Him lead each Christian to pray for them, give for their evangelization, uphold those who go to them and many to go also?

*The triumphs of the Cross must be made more widely known.*—Multitudes in our Christian churches know nothing of these. No more inspiring books have been produced in our time than those which chronicle the success of missions. Never since Pentecost have