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THE instrumentalities which the Lord is pleased to use in order to evangelize the earth, are very numerous, and greatly diversified; and as one star differeth from another star in glory, so these differ from each other in the aspect they present, in the degree of spiritual light they emit, and in the position they occupy. Ezekiel, in one of his marvellous visions, saw wheels of fire of various sizes revolving within one great wheel, and propelled by living creatures; so in the various means which the Almighty uses to enlighten and save the souls of men, there are wheels of fire of various sizes—these are the Tract Society, the Sunday School Society, and similar Institutions; these turn round upon the same axle, and revolve within the ample circumference of *one great wheel*; that axle is the *grace of God*—that wheel is the *Missionary Institute*; and the whole vast machinery is kept in motion by the energy of the *Lord the Spirit*.

Many of these means are in their outward form and appearance *very feeble*; and but poorly adapted for the great and mighty work they are appointed to do. Their inadequacy is apparent to every one;—between them and the effect they are intended to produce, there is no proportion whatsoever; but while we are indulging these allusions—while we are adverting to these circumstances of disparity—one of “the lively Oracles” utters its voice—and in an instant the mystery is *solved*; the incredulity of the sceptic is *rebuked*, and God is *glorified*, “*God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound*