

Mount—or, there is no alternative, he is the incarnate Son of God. We must either receive the Christ altogether or reject him altogether. I could sooner disbelieve the entire Bible than the supernatural claims of such a Christ. "If Christ be not risen our preaching is vain, your faith is also vain."

Nor is the *religious history* of the Bible less conclusive than its moral portraiture. Wherever it has come it has proved its divine power by healing men. The completed Scripture has existed for eighteen centuries. We are familiar with its history. Testimonies to its practical religious power have been adduced by its friends and wrung from its enemies. What nations can be compared in moral goodness with Christian nations? Who amongst the rejectors of Christianity could be put forward as competitors for the palm of virtue and philanthropy?

We know what Christianity did in apostolic times, when it came into contact with the unutterable depravities of Greece and Rome—what it found its converts, and what it made them. We know what it has done in every land to which it has come since;—what just now Europe is in contrast with Asia, America in contrast with Africa. We know what fifty years ago the South Sea Islands were, and what—the officers of our navy and the intercourse of our merchant ships being witnesses—they are now. And throughout its history, without a solitary exception, wherever the Bible has come, it has produced the effects that we see in the Sandwich Islands, in Tahiti, and in Madagascar. While, before it savagery and obscenity and bloodshed have rioted, and guilt has cowered and misery shrieked, behind it healed men have thronged—pardoned, purified, happy—filling its path with benedictions and virtue.

And its latest triumphs have been the most signal. A few chapters of the Bible, sometimes a single page, have sustained and propagated the Christianity of Madagascar; inspiring its converts with the virtue of saints and with the heroism of martyrs. I myself have looked upon a few dirt-stained and blood-stained verses brought home by Mr. Ellis, which wrought as a moral power to turn men from Satan unto God, and sustained their faith, first in caves and forests, and then in imprisonment and death; and wrought in them processes which, according to Mr. Ellis, made their prayers and praises and their moral virtues undistinguishable from those of our English churches.

No other book does this. Stand in a pulpit and read to men Plato, or Milton, or Bacon: where are there converts? whose hearts do they change? whose lives do they sanctify? Read to them the Bible, and healed men spring up everywhere, "walking, and leaping, and praising God." There is no evidence so convincing as this; the truth that turns sinners into saints, that purifies men's hearts, and makes their lives holy and benevolent, is the divinest of all truth.

The precious results of sending young men in the name of all the churches into every home to circulate the word of God, and to urge upon all the importance of consecrating themselves to Christ, can never be known until the leaves of the judgment-book unfold. This work is one we believe no Christian or patriot can for a moment afford to ignore or withhold his cordial sympathy from.

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BEQUEST.

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The "Building Committee" still require about \$2000 to clear the debt and furnish the Board Room. Contributions will be received thankfully.