

**Centenary  
of Missions.** AMONGST the numerous jubilees and centenaries that have of late been celebrated, none was more interesting, in its way, than the Centenary Conference of Missionaries, held in Exeter Hall, from June 9th to the 19th, 1888, of which a very full and particular report lies before us. Some 1,600 delegates, representing in all 140 Missionary Protestant Associations, English, American, Canadian, European, assembled, and the speeches they delivered, the opinions they expressed, the suggestions they made are most interesting and valuable. To some minds it may be a drawback that there should be so many associations among Protestants for this one purpose; but at any rate it shows that Christians of all kinds are alive to their duty in this respect; and no one can read this report without feeling thankful for what is being done towards making the Gospel known abroad. The speakers were, for the most part, men whose names are little known beyond their immediate sphere; but this was all the better, for they were men who have been content to sink themselves in their great work. The section about the various religions which oppose themselves to the Gospel, or which the Gospel has to grapple with, is very instructive; the suggestions about polygamy are weighty; the descriptions given of India, China, Japan, Turkey, America, Africa, and Oceania are extremely good. The discussions about Missionary Methods, Medical Missions, Missions to Women, and by Women; about Missionary Literature, Missionary Colleges, and Bible Societies; as well as the employment of Native Agents, the organization of Native Churches, and the Training of Workers, are very suggestive. And lastly, the question of Missionary Comity—the desirableness of having a common understanding between Missionary Committees and workers—is very well handled. If Missionaries become mutually acquainted with each other wherever possible; if they naturally bind themselves to comity in respect of overstepping borders; if they constantly hold out helping hands to each other, the result must be that the cause they are all engaged in will be greatly stimulated and advanced. Praise is due to those who projected and arranged this Conference, and much commendation ought to be given to the secretaries who prepared the report. It forms two handsome volumes, which ought to find a place among the books of every one who takes an interest in the spread of Christianity, for they are a mine of information.

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