

Mr. James Bryce Defends the Backward Races.

Why is Mission Work So Slow? --The White Man's Pocket-- Need for Morals All Round.

The Right Hon. James Bryce, our Ambassador to the United States, has a striking article in the new International Review of Missions on "The Impressions of a Traveller Among Non-Christian Races."

While admitting all that missionaries have done, he asks why missionary work should be so slow in its progress to-day. He points out the harm done by unscrupulous traders, and the need, now that European nations are pervading the whole world, of the right treatment of all backward nations.

The Missionary Work.

"No traveller of an observant eye and an impartial mind," says Mr. Bryce, "who passes among those uncivilized, non-Christian races in which missionaries are now at work, can fail to be struck by the immense improvement which they have wrought in the condition of the people, and which often is quite irrespective of the number of actual converts who have been formed into Christian congregations."

"The work done in the way of education, for instance, in the Turkish East, where missionaries are now far less occupied in the effort to make proselytes than in endeavouring to spread education and enlightenment, and the work done in India, the influence of which extends far more widely and is more beneficial than is recorded simply in the number of converts, not to speak of regions like South Africa and the Pacific Islands, where the aborigines have been reclaimed or are being reclaimed from a savagery which in many tribes has been cruel and debasing, give evidence of the excellence of the work and the claims which it has upon the support of the Christian world."

Why So Slow?

"No doubt it frequently happens—that is only what must be expected—that those who are nominally converted are far from rising to the Christian ethical standard, and sometimes relapse into their old degrading practices. Nevertheless, after allowing for all such cases, the gain is great and seems likely to be permanent. Still it is true, and this again and again strikes the traveller with a painful force, that the spread of the Gospel is less swift, and its effect in lifting the aboriginal peoples less complete than there was ground for hoping when one considers what thousands of devoted men have been at work in the diffusion of truths which carry their own warrant with them. Why is it that when Christianity was able to extend and conquer the world against all forces of imperial persecution in the first four centuries after it had appeared, its progress in these last four centuries, with all the impulse of civilization behind, should be still in many quarters so slow; and the results so far from perfect?"

The Unscrupulous Trader.

"Among several reasons which might be suggested for this fact there is one which is not sufficiently appreciated by those who have not seen with their own eyes the phenomena that attend the coming together of civilized and uncivilized man. Missions are not the only form in which the contact of advanced and backward races has taken place. This appeared from the first days of the spreading forth of the European races. "Everywhere the native has suf-

fered; everywhere the white adventurer or trader has attempted to treat him as if he had no rights, or has regarded him as a mere instrument for the use of which he can profit. To some extent it is inevitable that the weaker race should suffer by this contact, but there has also been much willful and needless wrong-doing on the part of the white men who have gone among the aborigines. The governments of those nations which have within their own time annexed native territories are now more disposed to protect the inhabitants, though within the last few years there have been, as you know, shocking and horrible things done in some parts of Africa by some so-called civilized governments."

The White Man's Pocket.

"The work of bearing the white man's burden, too, takes the form of filling the white man's pocket. It is no wonder that the behaviour of men who are nominally Christians—Christians in profession if not in practice—has checked, and still checks, the progress of Christianity. Thoughtful men from non-Christian countries will sometimes tell us that they and their fellow-countrymen have, when drawn towards Christianity, been repelled by seeing how little influence it seems to have over the conduct of its nominal adherents. The missionary comes preaching the gospel of peace and love, but when the natives see the rapacity and injustice of men professing the religion which the missionary preaches, the preachers lose their power."

Need for Vigilance.

"Accordingly, the feeling and the conclusion which the traveller cannot but bring back with him is of the necessity that exists for the most constant and strenuous vigilance on the part of governments to protect and help the native, and to repress every attempt to exploit him, to secure for him full justice and considerate treatment; to endeavour to inculcate upon the adventurer and trader, and the man who employs natives to work for him in agriculture or in mining that he should treat the natives with the same justice which he is obliged to show to a man of his own race."

"The force of public opinion in countries like Great Britain and the United States ought to support governments in endeavouring to maintain this high standard, not only among their own officials, who I believe in every case are animated by the sincerest wish to do right, but also among their other subjects who, among aboriginal races for the purpose of gain."

A Critical Age.

"There is a second reflection which forces itself upon the mind of the traveller who studies the phenomena of the contact between advanced and backward races. The age in which we are now living is a critical time. It is perhaps the most critical moment there has ever been in the history of the non-Christian nations, a moment most significant in its bearing upon their future. In these days of ours the European races have obtained the control of nearly the whole world, and their influence is felt far more deeply and widely than before, even in those parts of the world over which they do not exercise political control. Our material civilization is permeating every part of the earth, and telling, as it never told before, upon every one of the non-Christian peoples."

How Civilization Spreads.

"There is a second reflection which we call our civilization will have overspread the earth and extinguished the native customs and organizations of the savage and semi-civilized peoples. They are being exploited as they never were before, and the means of transportation by land and sea which have penetrated among them have brought foreigners everywhere, and are completely breaking up and destroying not only the material conditions of their life, but also their ideas and beliefs and worships, their ancient customs, and all that is associated with these customs and beliefs. Their morality, such as it was, with all its tolerances of vices and all its degrading practices, was nevertheless, for some purposes, a sanction which did restrain them, and which elevated their notions and directed their actions for some good purposes."

Backward Races and Morals.

"All of this is crumbling away and disappearing, perishing under the shock and impact of the stronger civilization which the European peo-

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ples have brought with them. Unless the backward races receive some new moral basis of life, some beliefs and precepts by which they can live, something to control their bad impulses and help them to form worthy conceptions of life and work, their last state will be worse than the first.

"The process of destruction and disintegration which I have described is inevitable, and it is advancing swiftly. This then is the critical moment at which we are bound, since we have destroyed the old things, to replace them by new things of a better kind, to give something by which they may order their life and through which they may begin a truer progress than was possible under their ancient ways. And what we give we must give by example as well as by precept; by showing that what our missionaries teach is the rule of our own conduct, both as governors and as private persons."

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Sam Hughes Wants One Million Men

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Barrie, Ont., Jan. 29.—Speaking at the 25th annual mess dinner of the 15th Regiment, Hon. Col. Sam Hughes invited the major portion of his address to his plan for training the young. The importance of preparing "Canada for defence" was emphasized. "Give me," he said, "one million men who can hit a target at five hundred yards and we would not have a foe invade our country." Training should begin in childhood, and at 12 years of age the boys should be where the soldiers are to-day in the matter of drill, and at fifteen they should be able to hit a target as well as a man. "In five years from now," he said, "I want to have some hundred thousands of these youths training to shoot and march. Then when the brigade is called out it will not waste time on the 'goose step' but will go through the practical manoeuvres that would be required in the field."

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Tongue of Fire Leaps From Ocean.

Pillar of Flame a Thousand Feet High Near Trinidad—What Lighted It—A Mystery that Scientists are Trying to Solve—Consternation Among the Natives.

What lighted the gas jet, a thousand feet high, that burst out of the ocean recently near Trinidad, causing newspaper rumors that a new volcanic island had arisen near the coast, and that it was in active operation? The matter appears to be more or less of a mystery. According to a letter written by Robert Anderson to Science (New York), the phenomenon is not really volcanic in the ordinary sense of the word, but is due rather to an eruption of natural gas from submerged strata. The real wonder in this case—for such outbursts of gas are not infrequent in that region—is its ignition, which has not yet been satisfactorily explained. The outbreak seems to differ from those resulting in the ordinary "mud volcano" of Trinidad chiefly in the great scale on which it occurred. Mr. Anderson quotes as follows from a letter written by Jefferson D. Davis, of Port of Spain, on Nov. 6:

"On last Saturday (Nov. 4) I was seen to rise from the surface of the ocean, three miles southwest of Erin. . . . The gas . . . soon took fire, and the flames must have gone to an enormous height, because they were seen from Port of Spain to shoot into the clouds, and Erin is approximately fifty miles from this place. The country was lit up for considerable time, and great consternation prevailed among the natives. . . . The Governor of the colony and a party of officials, with a number of prominent people from this place, went down yesterday to see the phenomenon, and found a piece of land about three acres in area, about 30 or 40 feet above sea level, in the centre of which was a crater. The ground seemed to be the ordinary blue mud, but was very hot, consequently baked dry and hard. Some of the more adventurous visitors, went on to the land and walked about for a while, and took home some samples of the clay. Large volumes of gas were coming from the crater at this time, but there was no fire. We learned to-day by telephone that it has taken fire again." The birth of the new gas or mud "volcano" was also witnessed by A. Veatch, formerly of the United States Geological Survey, who was on board ship at Brighton, Trinidad, just about to sail for New York. Writes Mr. Anderson:

"He informs me that his notice was suddenly attracted by a great flame that shot up into the sky just at dusk. It ten minutes before six, Saturday evening. Every one thought it was an oil or gas well on fire. With the first puff the flame rose as a brilliant mushroom-shaped mass, which immediately changed its form to a straight jet of fire, that must have risen to a height of at least 1,000 feet. No noise whatever preceding or accompanying the fire was to be heard from Brighton, which is across the low hills within fourteen miles of the place where the new island was formed. The fire disappeared below the horizon in about five minutes, leaving a cloud of smoke that drifted away. No light was to be seen in the sky the rest of the evening, which makes it certain that the flame either became reduced to a very small size or died out entirely."

The new volcano is about two miles off Trinidad's south coast, and lies on the eastward extension of a line marked by previous outbursts, some of them still active. This line may probably be a crack in the earth's crust. The "Columbia," the largest of these volcanoes, has formed a mound of ejected mud several acres in extent, and 50 to 70 feet high. The sides of this cone, as well as some others in Trinidad, notably the one called "The Devil's Woodpile," are strewn with pebbles and rock fragments that have been ejected from a great depth. We read further:

"A point of unusual interest regarding the late eruption is that the gas took fire. The reports so far received give no details bearing on this point, but it seems unlikely that the original ignition took place through human agency. If it did not, the phenomenon is one which has seldom, if ever, been recorded before."

"Two ways suggest themselves in which the gas might conceivably have become ignited through natural causes. One way is that sparks might have been produced by the friction of boulders against each other as they were shot out with the gas. Cases have been reported to me by oil men in which sparks were formed by boulders projected under great gas pressure from wells, striking the casing and tools, but I have heard of no case in which the gas was lighted. Another supposition is that electric sparks might have been generated similar to those observed in the vapor clouds emanating from Mt. Pelee at the time of its great eruption."—Literary Digest.



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