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THE NEGLECTED RACES.

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ONE of the most encouraging indications presented by this progressive age is found in the sympathetic and wide-spread attention which is being given to those tribes and races of men who, for many generations, have been left to push their way through life as best they could, to walk in the darkness of an immeasurable gloom, and at last to die more like the brutes around them than anything else. The treatment extended to the unfortunate and uncivilized sections of the human family by unprincipled and self-seeking men has, in the vast majority of cases, been of the most inhuman and cruel type.

What may be termed the great under-part of the human world has, outside of the range of Christian influences, been either totally uncared for, or regarded as material suitable for all kinds of infamous traffic, or as so much human refuse, or rubbish, fit only to be trampled under foot, and without much thought or feeling swept away out of the world.

When we speak of that portion of the race whose existence has been spent under the demoralizing influences of paganism, or the cruel policies of un-Christian governments, we indicate a number of men, women and children which a long line of figures fails adequately to express.

Vast millions of such have come and gone, and of them it may truly be said, that no man cared for their souls. Is it not a sad and humiliating thought that such countless hosts of the human race have lived and died in deepest degradation and despair, when by some far-reaching and redeeming agency millions of them might have been enlightened and elevated, blessed and saved?

We are told in ancient story, that when Xerxes, the Persian conqueror, looked from his throne of marble, which had been erected on the beach, at his army and navy, composed of three millions of men, instead of being delighted by the grandeur of the spectacle, he wept, and said to one of his counsellors that the cause of his tears was the fact that all that magnificent assembly would in a few years be no more.

On higher grounds, and with a clearer understanding of the solemn significance and possibilities of a human life, all right-feeling men cannot fail to be

saddened when they remember "man's inhumanity to man," and the great crimsoned and darkened pages which selfish and wicked hands have drawn through all the long and dolorous past.

But a brighter and more humane condition of the world's history has arrived, and with glad and grateful hearts we hail the better and the nobler day.

Since the commencement of the present century, changes of the most beneficent and inspiring kind have been accomplished, and movements which shall yet usher in a sunnier time are on their way. The extent of these great Christian endeavors, to care for the outcast and benighted millions living in the dark habitations of the earth, are most wonderful to contemplate. In all these ameliorating movements, social, educational and religious, there is living and breathing the spirit and purpose of an irrepressible expansion, and humane, sympathetic and Christian designs, wide and universal as the race itself.

In Greece, Turkey, Persia and Egypt, in Northern Africa, East Africa, in Northern, Southern and Western India, the dawn of a kindlier day has already commenced. Among the peoples and countries of Continental Europe these redeeming forces are working as never before. Amid the vast throngs of China, Indo-China, Thibet, the Indian Archipelago and Japan; of Australia, Polynesia, Southern and Western Africa, of North America and the West Indies, is it not a fact that results have been achieved during the last eighty years, which stand before the Church as the most inspiring and substantial encouragements to continued toil, and as the divinest pledges of a world-wide emancipation and uplifting yet to come? And is not this high endeavor to wipe out forever the cruelties and inhumanities of the dreary past, and to inaugurate for the neglected of our own race a period of blessing, rich with the most sacred and glorious possibilities for the future, the direct and practical outcome of that Gospel committed to the Church eighteen hundred years ago? It surely is not difficult to trace all these grand and beneficent movements to their true and original home? Not to the religious systems of merely human make do we go; for in the great majority of instances these present little else than one festering brood of cruelties and horrors; not in the policies of grasping, worldly men do we find the source of anything so grand and real; nor in the thought and action of the whole crowd of unbelieving and infidel men can we find the parentage of that which can brighten and bless the world. Under the blighting, blasting influences of an unchristian and atheistic philosophy no human wilderness has ever bloomed, and no solitary place, or heart, or sorrowing life has ever yet been made glad. It is no more