

Bechuanas. They steal his tools, his vegetables, the water which irrigated his fields. They kill his sheep threaten his life. Yet Robert Moffatt persists in the arduous undertaking, translates the Bible into their tongue, and suddenly the people flock to church, show an eager desire for books, for clothes, for the appliances of civilized life. Other men, Peter Parker and S. Wells Williams, go to far China. One opens an ophthalmic hospital, the other sets a printing press. One acts as peacemaker in settling quarrels with the English, the other helps arrange a commercial treaty with the United States. One as a doctor, the other a diplomat, undermine walls of prejudice that have existed thousands of years. A devoted Scot, Alexander Duff, becomes convinced that India can be best reached through the gateway of the English language and Christian education. Before these resistless forces the walls of caste begin to totter. The publication of Cook's voyage brings to view a vast insular territory in the South Pacific. A stowaway from one of the islands is found one morning at the gate of Yale College weeping because he and his fellow-countrymen are without means of knowledge. Out of this insignificant incident springs the American Board Mission to the barbarous people of the Hawaiian Isles. As the brig bearing Hiram Brougham and Asa Thurston sails out of Boston Harbor, citizens of the cultured city laugh at their folly. Eighty years later native delegates, men of education and gentlemanly bearing, are honored there at the International Council of Congregational Churches while the land they represent has become a part of the American Republic. Thus, almost simultaneously, under the fierce heat of the tropics, among the snows of Labrador, with savages of Polynesia and Hottentots in Africa, men begin in simple faith and with means ridiculously inadequate, a gigantic enterprise whose moral grandeur challenges the admiration of the world. During the first quarter of the century all the great missionary societies of Europe and America were formed, the work was organized into a system, and the churches committed themselves to an undertaking from which they cannot desist until all the kingdoms of the world become the kingdoms of our Lord.

THE PERIOD OF EXPANSION.

From this time onward "like a mighty army moves the Church of God," and the facts become fairly luminous to our faith and imagination. The Almighty had been busy forging the tools of civilization as well as the human instruments, and the two commingle when all things are ready for the furtherance of his majestic plan. No sooner are stations opened