

## APPENDIX.

and larger displacing and recreative power. While this impact upon the foreign world has been progressing, Christianity has strengthened and increased her resources in all home lands. Her spirit it is, whether acknowledged or unacknowledged, that pervades the chief glories of modern civilization, its safety, its integrity, and its helpfulness.

"Besides laboratory returns there are other returns, not so tangible perhaps, but none the less existent and significant. Christianity has achieved new faith in itself. The study of comparative religions has given to Christianity an established conviction of its own pre-eminence. It believes that it is the final and complete religion. A new understanding of the Scriptures has been secured. Their place is more fixed and their mission more practicable than ever. Criticism has been very incisive and has cut away many theories concerning the nature of inspiration that had nothing to do with the validity and usefulness of the Scriptures, but the pre-eminence of the Scriptures both remains and triumphs."

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(The recent progress of Christianity may be further illustrated by the case of the Societies of Christian Endeavor, the first of which was established only twenty years ago.)

The *Christian Endeavor World*, in its special anniversary issue, 1901, gives the following summary of the society's achievement during the past twenty years:

"In 1881, a single society; in 1901, societies to the number of 60,750.

"In 1881, a membership of 57; in 1901, a membership of 3,500,000.

"In 1881, a single denomination touched; in 1901, more than forty denominations permeated.

"In 1881, an extreme corner of one country; in 1901, all countries on the face of the earth.

"In 1881, the English language; in 1901, literature in Chinese, Japanese, Malagasy, Persian, Arabic, Turkish, Bulgarian, Armenian, Siamese, German, French, Italian, Greek,