

and it had no existence until the present century. The Young Men's Christian Associations are of still more recent origin than these societies, and are now in active operation in almost every part of the world. The same may be said of the Women's Christian Associations of various kinds, the Societies of Christian Endeavor, the Epworth Leagues, the Salvation Army, and other new Christian enterprises. These are Protestant institutions. I think I see, also, amongst Roman Catholics, increased interest during the same period in those great truths which, happily, Roman Catholics and Protestants hold in common. The progress of Christianity includes both Roman Catholics and Protestants.

So, modern missions have been in operation for but a century, and now the great missionary societies at work are reckoned by the hundred, and their operations extend to all parts of heathendom, and have been attended with much success amongst heathen peoples. Protestant missions have at work an estimated force of nearly ten thousand foreign missionaries, and more than fifty thousand native missionaries. This great army of Christian workers minister to 1,250,000 communicants in mission churches, and have three or four millions (some estimate five millions) of adherents who were