

that there is no going back, to be the auxiliary of the church in doing its great work of having God's truth wrought into the very life of the people.

In the second place, there are those immense territories where the people are not Anglo-Saxon, but where the Anglo-Saxon influence is powerful and even predominant. There are large areas in Africa where this is the case, but the most remarkable instance is that of India where nearly 300,000,000 of people are more or less directly under a government whose fountain head is in the city of London. Here while noble work has been done it is small in comparison with what remains to be done. Where only one person in a hundred has even a nominal education, there must be dense masses of people whose eyes have never seen and whose hands have never touched the covers of a Bible. In a land of 150 languages, only 42 of which have any translation of any part of the Scriptures, a land where the great mass of the population cannot read, there remains an enormous task to be performed before the aim of this Society shall have been achieved. That it shall yet be performed we do not permit ourselves to doubt nor can we form any adequate conception of the social and political changes that will go side by side with the progress of the work, and still less of those which will flow from its accomplishment. It was my privilege to see the great procession on its return from Westminster Abbey after the coronation of Edward VII. There were a thousand sights calculated to make an impression, and among these none fixed itself more firmly upon my memory than that of a troop of cavalry from India. I see them now, their fine statue, their erect carriage, their faces like burnished bronze, their features clear-cut as any Caucasian's, their whole bearing indicating virility, intelligence, immense possibility, and there comes to me the thought of what such a people might become, what a factor in the upward movement of things were the word of God written upon their hearts. India with a reading people, and the Bible in every home! Think of it, who can imagine the result?