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When Roman power had subdued the nations and established Roman authority throughout the civilized world; when Roman roads made travel possible and drew the nations together; when the Greek language had spread to the ends of the earth and become a universal tongue; when Judean hearts longed for the coming of the Promised One; in the fulness of time Christ came. Before He ascended to the Father He commissioned His disciples to the task of world conquest. "Go ye . . . and make disciples of all the nations." A few men against a world sunken in sin; but with what faith and consecration and success they undertook the work. Many might bear the testimony of St. Paul: "In labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft . . . but none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself."

To every land the Gospel message was carried; our pagan ancestors in the Island of Britain received the word and it transformed their lives. Dr. Goldwin Smith, in his political history of the United Kingdom tells us, "It introduced an opposition to the warlike type, the Christian type of character, the Gospel virtues of charity, meekness, readiness to forgive, the saintly and ascetic ideal, the notion of sin against God, where before there had only been that of wrong done to, and avenged by man . . . It proclaimed the spiritual equality of the sexes and the humane rights of the slave." All that is best and truest, all that we most covet in our civilization, comes to us as the result of these early missionary labors of the "foreign missionaries" who came from the East to the West. Christianity has given to the world Europe and America.

To-day despotism is everywhere giving way to constitutional forms of government and men are being made free to think and act for themselves. Law and order are being everywhere established and life and property protected. Steam and electricity have made for us a path through the seas as well as on dry land. We are almost borne on the wings of the wind to the most remote parts of the earth—some day we may be. The work of the translator, and the printing press has made it possible for all men, "for Parthians and Medes and Elamites and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judea and Cappadocia, in Pontus and Asia, in Phrygia and Pamphylia, in Egypt and in the parts of Lybia about Cyrene and