

And how indefinitely these instances might be multiplied! There were no miracles in ancient times that in their way demonstrated God's existence, presence and power with His servants more than what, within the past seventy-five years, has been taking place in the fields of missionary labor. If disciples would exchange trashy novels for the biographies of saintly workers, they would find facts more fascinating than fiction, and more readable than romance. The story of William Johnson in Sierra Leone, of Charles Wheeler on the Euphrates, of Robert Morrison in China, of Thomas Powell in Nanumaga, of John Williams at Erromanga, of William Duncan in Colombia, of Adniram Judson in Burmah, of Fidelia Fiske in Persia, of Robert Moffat in Africa; the rapid opening of doors in Japan, Turkey, China, India, Korea, Africa; the wonders wrought in the Pacific Archipelago, in Madagascar, in Southern India, in Greenland, in France and Italy; the heroism of the Moravians, the consecration of native converts and evangelists, the radical and revolutionary changes that have turned brutal cannibals into gentle disciples, and reared churches over cannibal ovens; that have made holy men and women out of human beings who had lost almost the idea of God and the image of man;—these and the thousand other *facts* that are the staple of missionary argument and appeal should be persistently kept before, as well as put before, the members of our churches. And no book is, on the whole, so effective for this purpose as the living voice. If the Baptist brethren of this country would make Dr. and Mrs. Gordon missionary bishops at large and send them itinerating through the land to hold popular meetings and bring these appeals for missions into close contact with the popular heart, there would be a revival of missions, or rather a new epoch of missionary interest. We must not only strike when the iron is hot, but *make* the iron hot by continued, rapid striking, blow on blow, till the very force of the impact creates heat. This conviction alone led me to turn aside to this short mission tour, and no work I ever did seemed to me to repay the expenditure with such ample compensation. The great evil of our day is the lack of response to the providence of God. But disciples will not *respond* to any voice they do not hear, or any hand they do not see. Let us familiarize ourselves with the *facts*, and then put them before the people.

A GLANCE AT THE BASEL MISSION.—PART II.

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IN the organization and working of the Basel Mission there are three departments that merit especial attention—the mission school at Basel, the Industrial and Commercial Commission, and the church government on the mission fields.

The first-named, as the oldest phase of the work of the Society, de-