

a return to apostolic faith, covenant prayer and world-wide effort. And right along these lines has the Captain of the Lord's host been exercising His providential oversight. As a new emergency has arisen a new interposition has been evident. The Church has found in every crisis a higher hand controlling. From every period of despondency or discouragement the faithful few who enter into the secret place have risen to new endeavor and inspiration by "beholding the works of the Lord."

But what shall we say of the *Promise of the Father*? That again manifestly involves three things, for the work of the Holy Ghost is seen in *salvation, sanctification and service*. If the promise of the Father has been fulfilled we shall find throughout the history of missions that God has been exhibiting His *grace* as He has also His *providence*. He has separated and sent forth servants, then He has accompanied their work with saving power, and, from the converts gathered, again sanctified and separated new workmen for His kingdom.

How has it been? Marvellous as have been the interpositions of Providence, the signs of the Captain of the Lord's host, guarding, guiding, governing—still more wonderful have been the interpositions of grace—appointing and anointing workmen, subduing and saving souls, and reforming and transforming entire communities. Here our pen halts—in the very perplexity of the exuberant abundance of matter that claims at least a passing reference. Again we say, the whole story of modern missions is a new book of the Acts of the Apostles; and there was not a sign, wonder, miracle of grace in the apostolic age of missions which in its measure *is not characteristic of the modern missionary age!* From the time that William Carey went to India, Adoniram Judson to Burmah, Robert Morrison to China, Justin Perkins to Persia, Robert Moffatt to Africa, Nott to Tahiti, Dober to the West Indies, Eliot to the North American Indians, there have been, in one grand series, miracles of grace among the highest and the lowest alike. Sometimes a thousand have been born in a day; sometimes whole communities and even nations transformed; sometimes Christianity has become the law of the land, and idols, once in every house, have not been found even as curios and relics! The adamant wall of caste, the iron wheel of transmigration, the brazen fetters of Moslem bigotry, the hopeless thralldom of Fetichism, have alike proved powerless to oppose the simple gospel of Christ. The investigator may follow any devoted missionary of the century into any field of labor, however unpromising, and he will find that instead of the thorn has come up the fir tree; and instead of the brier has come up the myrtle-tree; and this displacement of noxious and vicious growths in the soil of society by beautiful and fragrant trees and plants which show the "planting of the Lord" becomes, when