

and Nitschmann, pioneers of the marvelous Moravian missions, set sail for St. Thomas, willing themselves to be sold into bondage that they might preach Christ to the slaves in the West Indies, all the great birth hours of modern missions fall within one hundred years.

Nov. 10, 1793, Wm. Carey, the acknowledged father of modern missions, sent out by the Baptist Society for propagating the gospel, landed in Calcutta in the teeth of a storm of opposition raised against his coming by the East India Company.

Sept. 21, 1795, the celebrated London Missionary Society was organized at "The Castle and Falcon," Aldersgate Street, which, on the 10th of August 1796, less than a year later, dispatched its second expedition of missionaries in the good ship *Duff*, singing as they dropped down the Thames to Spithead, "Jesus at thy command we launch into the deep."

February, 1796, gave life to the Scottish Missionary Society.

In 1799, the Church Missionary Society sprang into existence.

In 1810, the American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions was established, mother not only of good works, but of manifold organizations.

In 1837, the Presbyterian Board of Foreign missions started on its splendid career, the silver trumpets of whose jubilee have sounded.

Within the century more than a hundred foreign missionary societies (British, American and Colonial) have arisen, operating in almost every quarter of the globe, with more than 5,000 ordained preachers and teachers, 30,000 native helpers, and an annual expenditure of not less than \$11,000,000.

Such increase indicates the persistent influence and cumulative power with which the conception of Christian missions operates on the heart and conscience of the church in modern times.

But there are other no less significant signs of the resistless determination of religious thought to the great evangelistic commission. These are found in a silent but almost universal education in the needs, the facts, the principles, and the methods of missions; in the steady production of a profound and fascinating literature; in the development of a rapid and efficient system of intercommunication of the forces in the field and the forces at home; in the variety of agencies, in the futility of expedients, in the prolific power of resource; in the skill, the tact, the finesse, the courage, the faith, the confidence, the success with which consecrated intellect and experience meet and solve the mighty problems that rise from the aggressive contact of Christianity with ancient Paganisms and hoary heathenisms. With what eager and expectant zeal the opening doors of great opportunities are entered!

Medical Missions, a system full of promise, and already a vast scheme of practical and Christly help, grew out of the quick recogni-