

schools, and the Arabs had to open girls' schools in self-defense, and having no fit teachers, sent to our schools for teachers for their own. Education acts as a prophylactic, upsetting the unscientific and absurd geography, cosmogony, etc., of paganism, and so the religion itself.

*Education of a Christian sort tends to upset the heathen faiths, by first undermining the heathen systems of false science which are inseparably bound up with the religious system. For example, the absurd Hindoo cosmogony cannot stand before the revelations of modern astronomy, etc. The antagonism between the truth and error is irreconcilable. On the other hand, the more the Bible is studied, the more it is found to be in accord with all the great scientific facts not known when the Bible was written. The leading truths of geology, astronomy, comparative anatomy, physiology, etc., find in the Word of God no antagonism. In fact, we may almost say, they were anticipated in its wonderful phraseology.—A. T. P.*

*Medical Missions.*—It is noticeable that Christ sent forth His apostles, not only to preach and teach and testify, but to heal the sick.

3. *The Progress of Missions.*—In the Fiji Islands one wretched cannibal gloried in his shame. He was wont to put down one stone for every human body of which he partook, and his horrid memorial reached the number of 872 stones! At the late jubilee of missions not one avowed heathen was left.—*Rev. John Calvert.*

4. *Preparation of Missionary Candidates.*—It is very desirable that while in the course of preparation they be kept as much as may be into contact with souls. Isolation and seclusion for study during a long period sometimes leaves a student with a chronic or at least intermittent chill. Intellectuality often develops brilliance, but the brilliance of an iceberg. It is well to keep up the warmth of love and passion for souls by evangelistic labor—and all the better if among the lowest classes; for he who is not ready to preach the gospel anywhere is fitted to preach it nowhere. He who can reach the lowest can commonly reach the highest, but the reverse is not always true. We need men in earnest, not for salaries and positions and honors, but seekers after souls.—*A. T. P.*

5. *The Rum Traffic.*—When Stanley came to Aganda, the king, Mtesa, asked after Victoria, the Emperor of Germany, etc. Then he said, ““Have you any tidings from *above*!” Mr. Stanley was not quite so much at home on this subject, but he could at least give the king a New Testament. But it was noticeable that when Stanley reached the mouth of the Congo, the one unfortunate question there was, “*Have you any gin?*” The very day that the American Baptists in Boston accepted the Livingstone Inland Mission, 200,000 gallons of rum sailed from Boston to the Congo, in a single ship.

6. *The three eras of missions* have been: 1. *The apostolic:* the result was the conversion, nominally, of the Roman Empire. 2. *The medi-*