

with great success; and where the Christian name was first obtained. But even there, it was not till about 45 A.D., fourteen years after JESUS had given the command, that the Church was led to separate and ordain the first Foreign Missionaries, Barnabas and Paul, for the Gentile field. Their first great circuit, with John Mark, through Cyprus and Asia Minor, during two years, was very arduous and full of peril (48 A.D.), but most blessed. Then returning to evangelize Antioch, they were so keenly assailed by Levitical Christians that they had to appeal to the Apostles, (50 A.D.); and accordingly the First Christian Council was convened at Jerusalem, and decreed that the Ritual Law of Moses should not be binding on the Gentiles. I need hardly remark how immense an aid to Theologic Science was thus won by this Foreign Mission.

Their second Missionary excursion (51 A.D.) was a double one; Barnabas and Mark going to Cyprus; and Paul and Silas going through Syria and Asia Minor, to Europe; adding Timothy to their number at Lystra, and Luke the Evangelist at Troas. At that site of Troy "man of Macedonia" beckoned them to the Mighty West; (victorious Europe asking help from vanquished Asia, Israel and Troy!) To Europe then with divine success they preached Jesus, far and near, even to mighty Athens and Corinth. Thence returning with Aquila and Priscilla, after this three years' Mission, he revisited Jerusalem and Antioch. Thence he set out again with Timothy, on his third Missionary circuit of four years in Asia Minor and Europe (54 A.D.), labouring three years at Ephesus, the city of Diana, where Apollos and Aquila also laboured, and where the converts burnt their magical books: whence he went on to Macedonia and Grecia in his great mission; and returned by Philippi and Miletus, giving his last message to the Elders of Ephesus; *en route* to Jerusalem, where he was attacked by Jewish desperation, (58 A.D.); and after two years of *Missionary imprisonment* at Cæsarea, and two at Rome under guard, he was set free (63 A.D.) His fourth great mission circuit took in Grecia, Macedonia, Asia Minor and Crete, (see Epistles to Timothy and Titus), and perhaps Spain, etc. But he was brought before Nero the second time as a felon, immured at Rome (probably in the Mammertine prison), and martyred about 68 A.D.

The aids which this primal Foreign Mission brought to Science were immense, in the special departments of Theology and Deontology. JESUS CHRIST had declared, "If any man will do God's will, he shall know of the

doctrine." This was amply verified when the Primitive Church did His will by going forth to teach and baptize all nations. It soon discovered the "hidden wisdom" and "great mystery," that GOD is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that feareth GOD and worketh righteousness is accepted of Him: that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs in GOD's house: that GOD granted them repentance unto life by His Holy Spirit: that He put no difference between Jew and Gentile, but purified their hearts by faith, and called them not unclean: that He took away the Ritual Law and nailed it to His Cross: that one is not a Jew, if merely outwardly so, but all faithful ones are true Jews, and circumcision is of the heart: that the Letter killeth but the Spirit giveth life, and that the LORD is that Spirit: that all faith is nothing without charity: that mere outward circumcision or uncircumcision avails nothing; but "faith working by love" is the "new creation," by "CHRIST in you the Hope of Glory:" that CHRIST is the Wisdom and Power of GOD: that He filleth all in all: that in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily: that He must reign and put all enemies under His feet: that He shall destroy death and the Devil: that He shall send times of refreshing, and at last a restitution of all things, with a new heaven and a new earth wherein righteousness shall dwell forever!

But even in Secular things it would not be difficult to show the immense and timely aid which these Foreign Missions of Christianity brought to the struggling Sciences and sinking civilizations of Greece and Rome. Christianity supplied what they lacked. The fainting spirit of Religion which lingered among these mighty peoples, very quickly responded to the call of Jesus, as in the case of Cornelius; and the remnants of true Philosophy gladly sat at His feet, as in the case of Dionysius the Areopagite. Platonism received a new inspiration. Both the head and the heart of the Gentiles were moved with a new life, as never before. Their magical books were burnt. Their oracles grew dumb. Their filthy altars were deserted. Anxious inquirers met early and late to call upon the true GOD manifested in true GODMAN, JESUS CHRIST. In spite of persecution they met early and late to call upon Him, and to mourn for their sins, and to pledge themselves to seek His aid to live soberly, righteously, and godly, here and hereafter!

Europe was regenerated. True Religion gave new birth to true Science and true Philosophy. True morality by true love and