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The Dean of Rochester, speaking of the unfavorable reports that were sometimes brought from heathen lands by men who have no sympathy with missions, said:—

"Another adversary of Christian missions is to be found in that impatient which, except it see signs and wonders, will not believe. I remember reading, some thirty years ago, an article in the Union Review, in which the writer spoke most disparagingly of modern missions, because they worked no miracles and could exhibit but very few martyrs. This reminds me of the absentee landlord who wrote to his agent in Ireland: 'Do not let the tenants for a moment think that by shooting you they will intimidate me. Such men as these forget that the kingdom of God cometh not by observation.' There is another class of men who refused to help missions, and those did so on the ground of the amount of sin and misery at our own doors. Are these men sincere? Are these the men who are doing the most to exalt the 'submerged tenth,' and to enlighten darkest England? No, because it is simply impossible for any real Christian to set any limitation to his missionary spirit. The love of Christ in the heart must be catholic—must be diffusive. If the actor of the heart be true and strong the circulation will go to the extremities; and if the extremities are cold it is the sign of death and decay. England's empire has been given to it for the conversion of the world, and if it be not true to its trust, Jehovah will be written against its name in the roll of nations. Against appalling difficulties and discouragements, deceptions, selfish notions, and desertion of converts, there is a slow but sure progress, the thankful confidence of the missionaries in this work, with earnest appeals for more laborers to continue and extend it. There are no sudden conversions of a multitude, as of the 3,000 on the day of Pentecost, of men who had been taught from childhood to expect a Messiah, and were now convinced that He had come; but there is an influence gradually spreading, and a growing acknowledgment of the superiority of the Christian revelation. Even as Sir Bartle Frere, whom it was my privilege to know and love, bore testimony: 'I believe,' he wrote, 'that there is no part of India which the power of Christian preaching to attract the fetid worshipper, to win them from the worship of evil and impure deities to the pure religion of Christ, and to raise them in the scale of humanity, has not been abundantly manifested.' And then he being dead yet speaketh these momentous words: 'I speak simply as to matters of experience and observation, and not of opinion, just as a Roman prefect might have reported to Trajan or the Antonines, and I assure you that, whatever you may be told to the contrary, the teaching of Christianity among 100,000,000 of civilized Hindus and Mohammedans in India is effecting changes, moral, social and political, which for extent and rapidity of effect are far more extraordinary than anything that you and your fathers have witnessed in Europe.' Lord Napier and Ettrick and Sir Richard Temple support this testimony, and though it is but the dawning of the day, the shining of the bright and morning Star, all faithful men await the rising of the Sun of

Righteousness, and the Light of Asia shall pale its ineffable fire before the Light of the World, and the Wise Men of the East again shall prostrate themselves before the Incarnate God. Yes, Faith foresees the time, foretold by Edwin Arnold with such pathetic and poetic power, when he who now opposes Christianity shall make his confession and do his homage to the 'measureless things,' and the knowledge—

Completing what our Buddha left unsaid. Some justified a refusal to help missions on the plea that it was not meet to take the children's bread and cast it to dogs; but that plea was only a subterfuge. Though charity began at home, it could not stay there; the true Christian mind must be the missionary. What of England, her greatness, her happiness, if there had been no Society for the Propagation of the Gospel at Jerusalem? Christianity had been the source of our power in the past, and now it seemed that God was extending our intercourse and increasing the number of those who spoke our language, that we might be true to our trust, and might teach hereafter to all the nations of the world the faith once delivered to the saints."

In an address before the London Missionary Society, Mr. Lawes spoke as follows of the work in New Guinea:—

"Mission work in New Guinea is not London slum work in a different latitude. Superstition and ignorance meet you at every step, like a London fog, and choke and baffle every attempt at progress. The absence of any religious feeling, and the want of the habit of obedience, were greater difficulties than savagery and cannibalism. One of the brightest records of the Christian church was that of the heroism and persistence of the small-Christianized communities in the South Pacific. From the Tahitians, Samoan, Rarotongan and Loyally Groups, and from Savago Island, had come a noble and continuous band of missionaries for work in New Guinea. Whatever had been achieved was owing firstly and mainly to the colored brethren and sisters from these groups, mustering no less than 227 men and women, only seven of whom had, to his knowledge, fallen morally, and three of these were afterwards restored. All had not the consecration and devotion of Tauraki, whom Mr. Chalmers taught and whom he much resembled in spirit, but he (Mr. Lawes) could speak of them in the highest terms. He knew of no man in the Christian ministry more deserving of honor and respect than Ruatoka, the only survivor of the first band of teachers who reached New Guinea in 1872. There were now forty of these men engaged in work, and with all their failings, they were one of the noblest class of men he knew, and yet many were only one generation removed from heathenism. The mission occupied fifty stations on the main land, which were all centres of Christian influence and light; and 2,000 children were in attendance more or less regularly in the school. When I was here twelve years ago it was plowing and sowing time, and now I ask you to rejoice with us in some sheaves gathered in—the first fruits, but the earnest of a great harvest to come. The church of Christ in New Guinea numbered 500 baptized men and women who, so far as the missionaries were able to tell from their changed lives, had become changed characters. They are very babes in knowledge, but we believe also babes in Christ. . . The line of demarcation between heathen and Christian is very clearly defined. Their lives are

all known, and there is sure to be objection taken at church-meeting to any who are quarrelsome, dishonest or immoral. The young life has to be watched lest it be extinguished, and the smoking flax needs fanning lest it be quenched. The testimonies of notable visitors were emphatic as to the radical change that had taken place wherever a mission station was established. It is like coming out of the underground railway into the open air to visit a mission station after traveling among purely heathen tribes. Twenty New Guineans were engaged in the work, and of these only three had had to be suspended for acts of inconsistency."—Missionary Intelligence.

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