

That Brainerd rose above the spirit of his age—for the spirit of evangelism is the measure of the church's life—and taking his life in his hands, alone and singlehanded, went forth into the wilderness to preach Christ to savage tribes, and was permitted to witness among and upon them astonishing displays of God's converting grace, demonstrates the high order of his faith in God, and of his consecration to the great work of the world's salvation.

No eulogy can exalt such a man. The simple story of his life proves him to be one of the most illustrious characters of modern times, as well as the foremost missionary whom God has raised up in the American church—one whose example of zeal, self-denial and Christian heroism has probably done more to develop and mould the spirit of modern missions and to fire the heart of the church in these latter days than that of any other man since the apostolic age. One such personage, one such character, is a greater power in human history than a finite mind can calculate.

MISSIONS TO ROMAN CATHOLIC COUNTRIES.

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WHY HAD YOU NO MERCY OR NO SYMPATHY?

"FRANKLY, sir, I have no sympathy whatever with your mission. Why go to a Roman Catholic country? Why not go to the heathen? Roman Catholics have the gospel already. It is an error on the part of Protestants to say that that church does not allow its people to read the Bible."

This lawyer-like "brief" of the whole "case" on the duty of the Christian church "to preach the gospel in Rome also" was clinched by the affirmation: "Why, sir, I have a Roman Catholic servant who is just as devout and assiduous a reader of the Bible as my wife."

"One swallow does not make a summer," I replied. "You are too well informed, Lawyer B——, to ignore the decree of a Pope, speaking *ex cathedra*, and therefore infallibly, to the effect that more damage than utility results from the reading of the Bible in the vulgar tongue, and that therefore it is prohibited to the laity, and also the regular clergy, unless by written permission of their bishop."

"That is practically obsolete," interposed my objector.

"It is dormant, perhaps; not obsolete in the church whose boast is, *Ubi est semper*, etc. What Rome is and *intends* to be, is not to be known from her concessions to her own people in the face of a vigilant Protestantism. We are wont to say, 'If you would know a man you must see him in his own home.' If you would know Rome, go to the lands where she has held undisputed sway for centuries, where her principles have borne fruit and gone to seed. I can readily believe and rejoice in what you say of your servant, and am sure that God has