

story of the Gospel, and the witness offered to the truth of that story, were sufficient to gain countless adherents. But the increasing conviction that in order to build up strong native Churches, opportunities for free growth and development must be allowed to them, and that the expression of Christian truth must be in the terms, and in the form, of the thought of the people itself points more and more to the necessity that every missionary should try to fit himself to know how to present the truth, and how to guide the development of the native Church.

One of the most marked characteristics of the missionary activity of the present day is the desire to find out how to improve missionary methods, and how to use the results of the study that has been devoted by scholars in many lands to the history of religions and sociology, for the advancement of the Christian faith. Whilst increased knowledge of other religions only convinces them the more of the unique character of the Christian religion and of its universal application, missionary students yet see with ever new clearness the truth taught by