

gelized population of the Eastern Hemisphere at 1,000,000,000, and their annual net increase at 10,000,000, or one per cent. The whole Christian Church at home sends into the mission field only some 6,000 men and women, and last year the "Church Missionary Society" *alone* reported 4,000 converts, or sixty-seven per cent. upon this whole force; while the entire gain from the whole mission field, in the last fully reported year, was more than 150,000, or *twenty-five hundred* per cent. If now we count into the working force the 30,000 laborers who are converts from heathenism, even yet the results are amazing; for, while the population of these non-Christian countries grew by one per cent., the number of converts advanced by *over four hundred per cent.* upon the whole number of workers in the field! Does that look like failure?

But while we find fault with Canon Taylor's figures and his worse inferences, we most of all find fault with his sinking the Christian in the mathematician. Figures cannot exhaust facts. There are results that cannot be reckoned by numbers or reported in figures, and the greater part of the actual fruits of missions cannot be thus estimated or tabulated. Think of the direct results in the elevation of man as man, and in the creation of Christian communities in the very heart of heathenism and paganism! The gospel lever has lifted whole peoples to a higher level during this century of modern missions: new dignity has been given to manhood and womanhood and honest toil; new sanctity to marriage and family ties; new security to life and liberty, property, and happiness; cruel customs, degrading superstitions, caste distinctions, have been modified and even abolished; and there has been a wide diffusion of such ennobling conceptions as the Universal Fatherhood of God and the Universal Brotherhood of man!

To all these and many other direct results, we must still add the indirect influence of the gospel—refining, subduing, civilizing, even where it does not renew, sanctify, Christianize. There are many changes which stop short of conversion, which are both invaluable and inestimable. Dr. Lindley declared that when a naked Zulu got so far toward Christianity as to put on duck pants and a calico shirt and sit on a three-legged stool nine inches high, he was about nine thousand miles above his nude neighbors. Before Christianity entered India, lepers were treated with shocking inhumanity, many of them being buried alive. Not only has a stop been put to this cruelty, but for fourteen years there has been a special Christian mission to the 135,000 lepers of India. Rev. James Chalmers, the veteran missionary, after twenty-one years of experience among cannibals; after visits to the Loyalty, Samoan, Society, and New Hebrides groups; after ten years of life in the Hervey Islands, and almost ten more among the savages of New Guinea, declares that he has never yet seen a single man or woman that has been civilized without Christianity's influence; and he