

MISSION FIELD.

PROMOTION OF RELIGION AT HOME BY FOREIGN MISSIONS.

[A Paper read at the Bishop of Ely's Visitation by the Rev Francis Pott, Rector of Northill.]

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But even of their outer life, what do we really know of this? I do not mean their incessant intertribal wars, the savage slaughter or heartless treatment of enemies women and children, or their rude social customs,—but I mean their individual animal life, if you will let me so speak. Of this we get, it may be, glimpses, hints, from the narratives of Missionaries and travellers; but they are and can be hints only and nothing more; for they dare not tell us without reserve all they see and know; they cannot in books which anyone may read do more harm than darkly hint at some of those moral horrors—not exceptional, but customary, as I may be allowed to do before this company: the brutishness, the brutality of lust; the tyranny of lust; the tyranny too of superstition and the cruel craftiness of its practiced manipulators. Even in India, with its civilization, material and intellectual, older than our own, but without Christ, if we only knew, not merely the social tyrannies of which we do hear so much, but the unblushing obscenity of their very religion in its rites and its public symbols, and the sanction, the very consecration, of gross licentiousness in its idol temples! But all this cannot be generally spoken of, and so there grows up a false impression that their state is not so exceedingly bad, and that we have nothing so much better to say of ours! 'Why not leave the poor savage in his simplicity?' 'Why trouble the faith of the Hindoo?' some have said. But they know not what they say. I myself know but the merest fringe of what I speak of; but it is enough, and ought to be more than enough, to stir strongly within us, not disgust only and horror, not indignation and contempt, but intense thankfulness for our selves, and to quicken indeed the religion in us which has saved us from it.

You are many of you probably aware of the testimony of Lord Macaulay, a writer by no means predisposed to a favorable estimate of religious influence amongst us. After a residence in India he declared that the most corrupt form of Christianity which had ever existed would be a blessing in exchange for what he saw there.

And even of the highest form of Hinduism, known as Buddhism, now a distinct religion, but originally a reform of the popular faith, it was the deliberate judgment of the great French savant, Barthélemy St. Hilaire, after personal study of it on spot—the judgment, observe, of another quite unbiassed writer—that if it be rightly called a religion at all, and not, more correctly, a sort of moral philosophy, it is 'a religion without love,' without the greatest and happiest of Christian graces,

without which all else is 'nothing worth.' Again, the religion of Mahomet has been described by those who know it as being a religion without morality. And to these we may add the religion, if so it can be called, of the African savage as a religion without trust, without hope. Even, then, if you gather out and put together all that has a distant likeness to the truth in all these religions, and all that in them can be reckoned on the side of right and happiness, how infinitely are they all together worthless, beside the truth and grace which come to us in Jesus Christ.

But the promotion of our own religious life need not, must not be sought only through the knowledge and realization of the degraded misery and darkness which a study of Missions reveals to us as the lot of others. The picture of the Mission Field has another side. It brings us into contact with the highest as well as the lowest side of humanity, with man's spiritual capacity in Christ as well as with his natural helplessness in himself; with examples of the noblest as well as of the most pitiable; with examples that may promote our own religious life without any of the risk of flattery which contrast with the heathen might bring to some of us; promote it, I mean, not by raising thankfulness for what we are in Christ by grace, but by humbling us with the thought of what we might be but are not, and so shaming us, and at the same time constraining us to better things; in a word with examples of the wonderful self-sacrifice of the Missionary himself—not, remember, the self-sacrifice of a noble impulse to some heroic deed, such as wins a Victoria Cross, or the bold grasp of some sudden opportunity, but the deliberate prayerful surrender of home, friends comforts, worldly prospects, health, intellectual and social interests,—all that to most men seems to make life worth living,—a surrender and a courage for Christ and His souls which I confess has often staggered me and exorcised all self-esteem. Surely if anything would promote in us religion, a readiness a longing to be up and doing something, a consciousness of having done so little, and risked perhaps nothing, for God, it would be the stories of a St. Francis Xavier, a Henry Martyn, a Bishop Patteson, and just now the noble story of Father Damien, his life and now his death among the ever depressing sufferings of those outcast lepers which he gave himself up to alleviate on the Island of Molokai. And these are but the better known among many more as good and as true, in the past and the present. I have but ventured to suggest two simple reasons why our own exertions in support of Foreign Missions must, if we realise the state of the heathen, deepen our thankfulness, and if we realise the life and work of our Missionaries, quicken our zeal at home.

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