

being recognised that not only general theological training is needed by evangelists, not only professional training by missionary teachers, nurses and doctors, but that they should also receive special teaching to prepare them for the problems they will meet, teaching in the history, the religions, the customs and social organisation of the people amongst whom they are going to work, as well as opportunities for language-study, which will enable them really to master the languages in which they intend to teach. All this was realised by the great missionaries of the past, who got for themselves the teaching which, in their day, no one was competent to give them at home, and themselves laid the foundations of those studies in languages, religions, ethnology and sociology, which now attract so much attention from scholars. But the ordinary missionary was content to deliver the simple message of the Gospel, and to attempt to plant in a new country the forms and observances which had grown up under different circumstances and amongst different peoples. Their efforts, however feeble, were again and again crowned with success. The